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President goes to Moscow parade

Clinton snub to Major over VE-Day

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WATT

PRESIDENT CLINTON delivered a strong rebuff to John Major last night during a tense 25-minute telephone conversation intended to heal the deepening rift between the two leaders.

Mr Clinton confirmed that he would not be attending VE-Day celebrations on the weekend of May 6-7 in Britain; he surprised the Prime Minister by saying that he would be going instead to Moscow on May 9. He is sending Vice-President Al Gore to represent America at the British ceremony.

The snub, which threatens to plunge already frosty relations between Britain and America to a new low, countered a firm rebuke for Mr Clinton from Mr Major for allowing Gerry Adams to raise funds in the United States.

The Prime Minister also used the telephone call to give a blunt message to Mr Clinton that Sinn Fein had not moved far enough on decommissioning the IRA's arsenal to enter into face-to-face talks with British ministers.

British and American officials gave different interpretations of the telephone call. British sources claimed it was "businesslike and thorough", while White House officials said the two leaders had had a "positive and friendly" exchange.

Mr Major is due to arrive for a visit in the United States on April 4, and White House officials were anxious last night to talk down any new rift with Mr Clinton. "We do have a warm and special relationship with Prime Minister Major and will continue to build on that," the White House said.

British Government sources were furious last night, however, that the Americans had broken a tacit agreement not to talk about the VE-Day celebrations. Sources in London said: "We agreed that we would only say that the visits were discussed and a statement would follow later."

On the IRA, Mr Major said in his call that there would have to be "substantial progress" in decommissioning weapons before Sinn Fein could join all-party talks on the same basis as the constitutional parties. Although the leaders agreed that decommissioning of weapons was vital, it was evident after the call, which had been delayed for eight days, that tensions still existed between Mr Major and Mr Clinton.

Mr Major's anger seemed mainly directed at President Clinton for allowing Sinn Fein to raise funds in the United States. A statement issued by Downing Street last night said: "The Prime Minister expressed concern about fundraising by Sinn Fein and the purposes to which these funds might be put.

"He said that there was a long history of funds raised in the United States being used to support the IRA's activities and that it was vital that money should not be used to re-stock the IRA's arsenal."

In Dublin, John Bruton, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, issued his strongest challenge so far to the IRA to decommission its weapons when he said yesterday that there was "no rational justification" for the terrorists to hold on to their arms. Mr Bruton, who has angered Sinn Fein in recent days with his calls for IRA arms to be decommissioned, said that he was exasperated by the lack of progress on the issue. He told Irish Radio: "The important issue is that there should be a clear political commitmment to progressively get rid of these guns."

However, Mr Adams, speaking in Washington, said that repeated demands for weapons to be decommissioned could undermine his position within the republican movement. He said that the IRA would split if he "danced to the British tune" on the arms issue.

Earlier yesterday hopes had been raised that the Sinn Fein talks with ministers would start within the next two weeks in the wake of a claim from Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness that there was considerable common ground between the two parties, and talks could start within to 14 days. Downing Street sources, however, made clear that any reasssurance received from Sinn Fein had not gone far enough.

Mr Clinton's decision on VE-Day will disappoint the Government, but American and British officials said last night that it should not be seen as a further slight to London. The difficulties, officials said, were purely logistical.

Mr Clinton attended last year's D-Day commemorations in Britain and France, from which Russia was excluded, and would cause grave offence by staying away from Moscow this year. President Yeltsin said last week that he would exclude all military hardware from the Russian parade in an attempt to entice Mr Clinton, who was nervous of attending while Russian troops are suppressing the revolt in Chechenia.

The President also wants to attend a VE-Day celebration in Washington before he leaves, and simply could not make the ceremonies in London and Paris as well. Mr Clinton is expected to stay on in Moscow after the VE-Day ceremonies for a summit meeting with Mr Yeltsin.

Yeltsin: Will welcome Clinton on May 9

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COLIN SHEPHERD

Alastair Paxton, above, with his mother, Jill, yesterday and below, aged two, when undergoing chemotherapy

Hope for cancer girl after survival of boy 'not worth treating'

BY BILL FROST

A MOTHER who was told that her child's chances of surviving acute myeloid leukaemia were hopeless, yesterday urged the parents of "Girl B", who is suffering from the same illness, never to give up hope. As she spoke, her son was happily playing at the family home in contradiction of a prognosis 12 years ago that he was "not worth treating".

In a letter to *The Times* today, Mrs Jill Paxton describes how her son Alastair overcame his illness to become healthy and normal. She also praises the consultant who decided that the boy should be treated, despite the weight of contradictory medical opinion.

Staff at the London Clinic continued to monitor the progress yesterday of 10-year-old "Girl B", whose future looked even more bleak after the Court of Appeal backed Cambridge Health Authority's refusal to fund treatment on the NHS. However, an anonymous donor stepped in and offered to foot the bill.

On the strength of her experience, Mrs Paxton, from Old Sodbury, in Avon, told the girl's parents that they should remain optimistic. "Alastair's case proves that remarkable progress is possible, even when you are told that the child has little or no hope of surviving this disease," she added.

Mrs Paxton, a 37-year-old mother of four, recalled how doctors told her that a diagnosis of acute myeloid leukaemia was tantamount to a death sentence. "The doctors said that the illness left no survivors; maybe one or two people across the world had pulled through," she said.

Mrs Paxton and her husband Chris, a general practitioner, were "cast into the depths of despair" when eight-week-old Alastair underwent chemotherapy in 1982. "We couldn't let him go, we couldn't let him die despite what some people were telling us.

"Fortunately, a consultant at the Bristol Children's Hospital was willing to proceed. We ourselves were torn between not wanting Alastair to die and not wanting to prolong his suffering if there really was so little chance of survival," she said.

Two years after treatment her son suffered a relapse but again rallied, said Mrs Paxton. "Once again we went through torment while he was being treated, and once again he came through." Fears that Alastair would suffer brain damage from the radiotherapy proved groundless.

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Baring trust cuts off charity funding

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Baring Foundation, the charitable trust formerly funded by Barings Bank, has told 700 arts, medical and social welfare organisations that it will not be able to meet any of their requests for funding.

The foundation, which received aound £12 million a year from the bank until its collapse last month, took the decision at a board meeting last week.

David Carrington, the foundation's director, said yesterday that it was one of the grimmest decisions the board had ever had to take. "Although we still have an income of around £2 million a year from our own investments, we have to scale down our operations. Rather than pick and choose between the 700 outstanding requests, we decided to turn them all down. The letters to them went out on Thursday," he said.

Mr Carrington said he was particularly sorry about having to turn down requests for funding from organisations that had been financed for several years and whose applications would almost certainly have been approved had the bank not collapsed.

These include Voluntary Services Overseas, the Child Poverty Action Group, the London International Festival of Theatre and the Family Welfare Association.

Although the foundation received a "good will" gift of £10 million earlier this month from ING, the Dutch financial services company which bought Barings, that will all go towards projects which had been promised funding before the collapse.

The foundation, which was one of the biggest grant-making organisations in the UK, will not now accept any

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The Pru sues PowerGen

The Prudential is suing PowerGen over the controversial orimulsion fuel at Richborough power station in Kent, which it says is damaging crops on a farm nearby. The blow comes as Ed Wallis, PowerGen chief executive, faces MPs tomorrow to defend his pay .... Page 40

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Queen begins tour 'by back door'

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN CAPE TOWN

FOR the first time in 48 years, the Queen yesterday set foot on South African soil as she began a week-long state visit to a country that had until recently been excluded from the world community for more than three decades.

She came in by the back door, a purely administrative arrival to enable her to transfer from her chartered British Airways 767 jet from London to a South African Air Force helicopter that whisked her the 20 miles to Simonstown naval base. There she boarded the Royal Yacht *Britannia* for the voyage back to Cape Town and the promise of a grand seaborne entrance to Cape Town today.

Wearing a grey suit and dashing matching hat, both echoing the brief cloud cover, the Queen was greeted without ceremonial at the airport by Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President. She was then presented with a bouquet by the young daughter of Mr Mbeki's personal assistant.

At Simonstown she was welcomed by a cheering crowd of several hundred naval personnel and their families.

After sailing overnight round the Cape of Good Hope, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who joined her yesterday from a visit to Madagascar, will cruise into Table Bay in a manner reminiscent of the start of the last royal tour in 1947, when George VI, Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, and the then Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret made the same dramatic entrance after sailing all the way from Britain on the battleship *HMS Vanguard*.

In those leisurely postwar days, the visit lasted three months. This time the Queen will spend just six full days in the country, but that is a long time by the standards of jet-age touring. Buckingham Palace officials say she regards the tour as being on a par with her historic visits to China and Russia.

The Queen will today be formally welcomed by President Mandela, to whom she is expected to award the Order of Merit, one of the highest decorations in her gift and markedly rarer than a knighthood.

The name of Winnie Mandela, the President's estranged wife, does not appear

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Red setter is Cruft's top dog

JOSHUA the red setter was crowned Cruft's supreme champion last night to become Britain's top dog.

Four year old Joshua — kennel name Starchelle Chicago Bear — is owned by Rachel Shaw, from Batley, West Yorkshire, who was lucky to make it into the final after tripping and falling over in front of judges on the way to qualifying.

"I've always been clumsy" she said. "I'm just glad Joshua didn't put a foot wrong."

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Small sports clubs are the latest Lottery winners

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
AND EDWARD GORMAN

A SCHOOL sports centre and a tiny village cricket club are among the winners of the first cash handouts from the National Lottery to be announced today. Grants totalling £7 million will be shared between 35 sports projects, with an emphasis on local community schemes.

The biggest award is £750,000 to the Arthur Terry School in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, to help pay for a new £1.4 million sports centre. One of the smallest recipients is Houghton on the Hill cricket club in southeast Leicestershire, which will receive £9,267 towards the £26,000 cost of its new pavilion.

John Kerry, the cricket club secretary, said he had not believed such a small-scale project would be among the first winners. The club had been using the local pub as its headquarters. "We are absolutely thrilled to bits about this, as is everyone in the village," Mr Kerry said.

The Scarborough Water Ski Club, which has 55 members, will get £7,000 towards the £15,000 cost of a new training area for visiting school parties. David Longthorn, a club spokesman, said: "I felt we were a deserving cause because we've got a lot of enthusiastic and hardworking members."

The Amateur Rowing Association is awarded £110,300 towards the cost of equipment for the national squad in the run-up to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, America.

Most of the awards, to be announced by the Sports Council, are worth less than £100,000, reflecting its commitment to grass-roots projects. At least 19 of the grants will go to rural schemes, traditionally areas of poor leisure provision. In all cases, the recipients of grants are expected to raise some of the money for their proposed schemes themselves.

They will be presented at a ceremony in London attended by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, and Rodney Walker, the Sports Council chairman, who said: "The impact of the National Lottery's cash injection to sport cannot be underestimated. In this year alone we will be giving

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US investigates Mark Thatcher's business affairs

■ Up to £6 million is alleged to have vanished from companies associated with the former Prime Minister's son. He is also the subject of a tax inquiry that could involve a member of President Clinton's Cabinet, Andrew Pierce writes

Thatcher: his former business partner has filed a lawsuit

MARK THATCHER'S financial difficulties deepened last night after it emerged that the American authorities are conducting an investigation into his business affairs. Mr Thatcher, 43, who is fighting a £14 million lawsuit in Houston, Texas, is the subject a separate inquiry by US tax investigators.

Gaynelle Jones, the Attorney in Houston, has ordered an examination of allegations against Mr Thatcher that are contained in a lawsuit filed by his former business partner, John Jay Laughlin. Up to £6 million is alleged by Mr Laughlin to have vanished from companies associated with the former Prime Minister's son.

"It is a fishing expedition because of the allegations thrown up by the Laughlin deposition," one official in Houston said. "It could take months."

The inquiry could involve a member of President Clinton's Cabinet. Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior, was a director of X-Part Corporation, a Texas company that was a substantial investor in Emergency Networks, a Dallas company associated with Mark Thatcher.

Emergency Networks went bankrupt and X-Part is listed in bankruptcy documents as owning 43.95 per cent of the stock. The tax investigation centres on Mr Thatcher's dealings with the two companies.

Lawyers were unable to serve a summons on Mr Thatcher at his Dallas home, 250 miles from Houston, because he was playing golf in Florida. But they are expected to resort to placing a notice in the *Daily Court Review*, published in the Houston Court, which will give him 20 days to respond.

Agents working for the Internal Revenue Service have questioned Mr Laughlin about a complex web of financial deals centred on Ameristar Fuels Corporation, which he ran with Mr Thatcher, and the Grantham Company, named after Lady Thatcher's birthplace. When the Grantham Company was set up in 1987, Mr Thatcher said that it dealt with electronics, leasing and communications.

The aviation fuels company was sold last week for an undisclosed sum under a bankruptcy scheme. The company, which went bankrupt last August, was sold to a company based in Minnesota. The Margaret Thatcher Foundation has been moved from the company premises.

It had been run by Mr Thatcher's business associate David Wallace. It was the dismissal of Mr Laughlin by Mr Wallace that triggered the lawsuit. Mr Laughlin's lawsuit accused Mr Thatcher of "raping and pillaging" the company.

In 1991 Mr Thatcher's Grantham Company entered into a management agreement with Ameristar to try to improve its financial position. Mr Wallace said: "Grantham's role was to resolve the company's severe financial difficulties. With the sale that goal has been achieved." Mr Laughlin, however, took a different view. "The theft of my company has been completed under bankruptcy reorganisation. This in no way means the lawsuit is over. I will fight them all the way to the Supreme Court."

Baroness Thatcher declined to answer questions about her son when she appeared at the International Book Fair at Olympia yesterday to promote the paperback version of her memoirs.

The lawsuit is the latest episode involving Mr Thatcher to have embarrassed his mother. An early example was his decision to model Japanese clothes in Tokyo when she was "batting for Britain". Speculation about his business practices arose in 1984 with reports that he had received a commission for helping a British firm to win a contract to build a university and hospital in Oman. In April that year he announced he would leave Britain for the United States, reportedly to keep "a low profile". His mother claimed that he had been hounded out of the country by the press.

Ministers back Chancellor after 'out on limb' charge

Right warns Major to bring Clarke into line

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

LEADING rightwingers will tonight step up the pressure on Kenneth Clarke to toe the government line on tax cuts and Europe as part of a concerted attempt to isolate the Chancellor.

After a private meeting of the influential '92 group in the Commons, its leaders are expected to deliver a stern message to the Prime Minister, warning him that unless the party unites behind a rightwing agenda it will fare disastrously in the local elections in May.

The '92 group meeting follows the ferocious attack on Mr Clarke in an editorial in the Thatcherite magazine *Conservative Way Forward*. It accuses him of being "out on a limb" and undermining Mr Major by pushing his own agenda in favour of a single currency.

The editorial, penned several weeks ago, suggests that if Mr Clarke continues to promote "federalism in disguise" he should resign. Rightwingers also fear, in the light of the Chancellor's remarks last week that the "feel-good" factor may be delayed for two years, that he will not go ahead with tax cuts in the next Budget.

Sir George Gardiner, editor of the magazine and chairman of the '92 group, said last night: "Kenneth Clarke should not get in the way here. He should follow the line of the Prime Minister and the rest of the party."

Gardiner: editorial an attempt to undermine Mr Clarke's prospects in any leadesrhip challenge

The editorial was widely seen as an attempt by the Right to isolate the Chancellor and undermine his prospects if there were any leadership challenge later this year. The Right's tactics at present are to support Mr Major, provided he delivers a sceptical agenda on Europe and early tax cuts.

Ministers rallied to Mr Clarke's side yesterday as they made a desperate plea for party unity. Michael Portillo, who would be one of Mr Clarke's chief rivals in a leadership contest, was quick to criticise the attack on his colleague. However, he echoed comments in the editorial about the need to fight the next election on clear Conservative policies with a strong emphasis on the nation's sovereignty.

"The time for factions is now past. We are getting too close to the election for factional struggle. What we need to do is turn our guns on the enemy, the Labour Party," he said.

The Prime Minister had set out a policy on Europe behind which the whole party should unite. "It is absolutely right that none of us, whatever views you might have, should pursue a personal agenda," Mr Portillo said.

David Hunt, the Public Services Minister, and David Mellor, the former Heritage Secretary, also voiced strong support for Mr Clarke. "He is an able man, and God knows the Government has few enough of them," Mr Mellor said.

However, it was clear that Mr Clarke's double gaffe last week — admitting the delay in the "feel-good" factor and then referring to a nappy factory in Consett, Co Durham, that had closed — has irritated not only backbenchers but also senior rightwingers in the Government. There is also concern about the relationship between Mr Major and Mr Clarke, which is said to be becoming increasingly frosty.

Mr Major faces further trouble this week after a threat by the whipless rebels to defy the Government in a Commons vote on the common agricultural policy on Tuesday. Labour is tabling an amendment on the policy supporting an attack on waste and fraud, which could get support from the Ulster Unionists and some whipless rebels.

Business managers are keen to draw the rebels back into the party, but it was clear last night that if they voted against the Government on Tuesday there was little chance of the whip being restored before Easter. Government sources also pointed out that seven of the nine whipless rebels had voted with the Government on the same issue last year.

☐ Two Tory MPs said at the weekend they would not be seeking re-election at the next general election. Sir Tony Durant (Reading West) is 67 and has served more than 20 years in the Commons. Sir Kenneth Carlisle, 53, has been MP for Lincoln since 1979.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, after being installed as Chancellor of the Open University in Birmingham on Saturday. She also received an honorary degree

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blair to reduce block vote further

Tony Blair signalled his intention yesterday to go ahead with plans to reduce the trade union block vote at the Labour conference, indicating that as soon as party membership rose high enough he would act to cut the union vote from 70 to 50 per cent.

The Labour leader hinted that he would not set a rate for a national minimum wage before the next election, and gave no commitment to introduce one immediately. After his success over rewriting Clause Four, Mr Blair also told Jonathan Dimbleby on ITV that Labour should not be complacent about the need to continue building trust with voters.

Rocket jobs 'safe'

Civilian contractors are to take over the closure-threatened Royal Artillery rocket range at Benbecula in the Western Isles. The decision by Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, to put the base out to tender follows a hard-fought local campaign to save the range and the 800 jobs that depend on it. Contracts should be finalised by 1997.

Midwives' vote

The Royal College of Midwives has voted to scrap its 115-year tradition of not taking industrial action. The college, angry at the Government's 1 per cent national pay award, will now ballot its members on what action to take in their pay campaign. The college's 36,000 members have indicated that they are prepared to carry out a wide range of action.

Crash-test call

Foreign motor manufacturers have rejected European recommendations for more stringent crash tests. British officials will begin a campaign today to oppose the watered-down proposals put forward by French and Italian carmakers. A group of MPs has tabled a Commons motion calling on the European Parliament to demand tougher tests.

Crossword win

Only three of the 187 competitors at the York regional final of *The Times* Crossword championship yesterday completed all four puzzles without a mistake. The winner was David Howell, 48, assistant head of mathematics at Roundhay School, Leeds. Second was Gerard Conway, 33, from Blackburn. David Parry, 44, of Halifax, was third.

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Footballers FE (Bury FC)	Lancashire	94,210	50,000
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South Wight Borough Council	Isle of Wight	142,800	90,000
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Battle Cricket Club	E Sussex	10,011	6,311
Wendron Cricket Club	Cornwall	58,500	28,750
Slimbridge Playing Fields Comm	Gloucs	74,958	30,358
Ston Easton Village Club	Som	32,000	7,050
Cargroan Yacht Club	Cornwall	76,038	39,081
Chard Rugby Club	Somerset	25,000	8,750
Redmarley Village Hall Comm	Gloucestershire	120,000	35,000
Ilmington Tennis Club	Warwickshire	67,714	44,014
Birmingham LEA	W Midlands	1,428,000	752,600
Wellington Playing Field	Hereford	206,276	113,276
Yarnbury Rugby Club	W Yorks	54,000	35,000
Harrogate Indoor Bowling Club	N Yorks	158,500	47,500
Roundhay Lawn Tennis Club	W Yorks	21,949	13,169
Scarborough Water Ski Club	N Yorks	15,000	7,000
Clifton Hosp Alliance Crick Club	N Yorks	90,198	37,198

Lottery awards

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awards averaging over £10 million per month, ranging from the multi-million pound projects to small community schemes."

At a separate presentation in Edinburgh today, The Sports Council of Scotland will announce grants worth £1.7 million towards seven schemes. Five "good causes" — sport, arts, heritage, charities and the millennium celebrations — are expected to receive around £9 billion of National Lottery's estimated £32 billion proceeds over the next seven years.

☐ The holders of two tickets shared an £8 million jackpot from Saturday night's lottery draw.

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Baring trust cuts cash

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further requests for money until its annual general meeting in the third week of June.

Mr Carrington said that the foundation was determined to continue funding the arts and organisations in the voluntary sector, but on a much smaller scale than previously.

"It is likely that we will want to do something that is more sharply focused either in terms of activities or geographical area than before, although we will still want to give to as wide a range of organisations as possible," he said.

The Baring Foundation was founded in 1969 to distribute money to good causes. It has consistently ranked among the top ten grant making trusts in the country. In 1994 it awarded grants worth £16.4 million, some of them spread over several years and more than 40 per cent of them to small organisations.

The foundation's single largest payment last year was £350,000 to the Housing Association's Charitable Trust, which helps the homeless. Most of its grants were much smaller, however, such as the £45,000 grant made last year to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art for the construction of new teaching and performance block.

Before the Barings collapse at the end of February and the subsequent sale of most of its businesses to ING, the foundation owned all of the ordinary, non-voting shares in the merchant banking arm of the Barings group. In 1994, the Foundation received £3 million in dividend payments from the shares and a further £8 million out of the bank's profits. This income has now totally dried up as the Foundation no longer owns the shares.

Although ING has no financial obligations to fund the foundation, Mr Carrington hopes that that the two may be able to work together. "We hope that the new owners will come to see the foundation as important," he said.

The foundation, which is still housed in Barings's City headquarters, has investments of its own, valued at around £50 million at the end of 1993, which give it its annual income.

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It was a filthy profession, but the money was addicting, and one addiction led to another, and they were all going to be

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Children hooked on temazepam

Doctors demand withdrawal of killer sleeping pill

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

DOCTORS in Scotland are calling for the sleeping tablet temazepam to be banned because of the part it is playing in the deaths and mutilation of drug addicts. Last year, 37 million capsules were prescribed in Scotland. Black-market capsules are now being peddled to children in school playgrounds.

Temazepam capsules are liquified by addicts through heating and then injected intravenously. The drug solidifies in the veins, often causing vascular problems which in some cases have led to the amputation of limbs.

Dr Tom Gilhooly, of the Parkhead Health Centre in Glasgow, says the only solution is to blacklist the drug. "The situation is terrible. This drug is killing people. They're losing their arms and legs. It's causing carnage."

Dr Gilhooly, who also works for the Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre, says 90 per cent of the centre's clients inject temazepam and heroin, a particularly lethal cocktail. "Temazepam contributes to one-third of the drug deaths in Britain. We have banned it at our practice but it needs to be taken out of circulation altogether."

At the beginning of the year, the supply of temazepam in Glasgow dried up after the theft of a cross-border consignment of the drug. The price per capsule rose from £1.50 to £2. Last month the streets were flooded again and the price dropped.

Doctors believe that the prevalence of temazepam in Scottish schools may lead to government action against the drug.

Dr Fiona Jamieson, of the Community Drug Problem Service in Edinburgh, told a recent BBC Scotland investigation into the matter that the users were becoming younger. "They are now introduced in the playground. It's a bit like taking sweeties," she said.

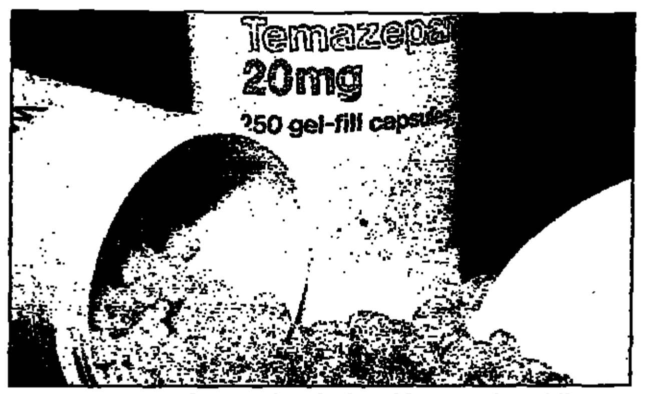
Dr Ian McKee, who is fighting the temazepam problem in Wester Hailes in Edinburgh, says: "I don't think society has bothered with this problem up to now because they've thought it's a problem among down-and-outs who can't look after themselves. They worry only when they find it entering the playgrounds of affluent middle-class areas. Something should have been done about it years ago."

Dr Gilhooly agrees. "The Department of Health have not done anything about it because they are worried that, if it is taken off the market, a cheap sleeping pill will be replaced with more expensive drugs. But we have 12 alternatives which we can prescribe. They are all cheaper or the same price and they are just as effective."

Dr Gilhooly says that because temazepam is not a controlled drug no adequate checks are made on the supply and that dealers have in the past obtained as many as 5 million capsules in one go, illegally.

"People say we should make it a controlled drug. But I don't accept that argument. We should go all the way and ban it. All we lose is a sleeping tablet. These young kids are losing their lives. Their deaths at the ages of 18 and 19 are tragic. Their parents never get over it."

Dr Gilhooly says that temazepam is intensely addictive. "They get the rush in seconds while they are still injecting it into their arms. We cannot wipe out the heroin problem but we could wipe out the temazepam problem by banning the manufacture of the drug."



Temazepam pills are liquified and injected by addicts

Drug barons reap rich rewards from rave scene

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

DRUG barons on the underground "rave scene" are exploiting a growing black market for temazepam among young people. Trafficking in the drug offers the gangs low risks, high profits and short prison sentences. Senior police commanders believe gangs are now moving away from heroin and cocaine into temazepam.

Officers are pressing the Home Office to tighten legislation on drug controls. Possession of a single dose of temazepam carries no penalty. It is currently listed as a class C drug under the 1985 Misuse of Drugs Act, which means that the maximum punishment for dealing is five years.

Legitimate use of the drug has dropped by half since the 1970s as doctors have become increasingly aware of its dangers. Home Office officials have recently been briefed by detectives from the South East regional crime squad about the rise of dealing in temazepam by criminals.

The gangs use fraud to obtain the drug wholesale from legitimate pharmaceutical companies and distributors in Britain and abroad. Millions of doses can be bought legitimately for less than £100,000. The investment could return millions from the black market as the gangs parcel out the drugs to a network of street dealers.

Police across the country have seized more than three million capsules in recent operations. Intelligence work suggests that the drug is growing in popularity on the rave and dance scene in London, where it is beginning to replace Ecstasy. The capsules, which are shaped like eggs, sell for £2 or £3 each. They are often taken with alcohol, a combination that makes users unsteady on their legs and has caused them to dub the pills "jellies" or "wobbly eggs".

London traffickers have become the main suppliers for a thriving market in Scotland. A large market has been built up among addicts who inject the drug. They first turned to it to bring them down from heroin but found that it was addictive in its own right.

At one stage addicts simply broke up the pills and injected the liquid. When the pharmaceutical companies replaced the liquid with a gel, the addicts began heating the gel into a form that could be injected.

Raid on cock fight finds 14 victims

By Edward Gorman

SIX men were arrested yesterday when police and RSPCA inspectors raided a cock fight in the first such operation for ten years.

Fourteen dead cockerels and 40 live birds were recovered in the swoop on an allotment shed in Kelloe, Co Durham, after a tip-off. The dead birds were removed for examination. Officers said a boy, aged eight, was taken away for his own protection.

A Durham Police spokesman said: "This appears to have been a well-organised event with seating round a ring in which birds appeared to have been pitted against each other."

The RSPCA said one of its inspectors had called in the police after going to the village to check information received from a member of the public. The six arrested men, aged in their 30s the 40s, are mostly local and were expected to be released on police bail. About 12 people managed to escape during the raid.

Among implements seized were sharpened spurs, weighing machinery and a board that listed the names, weights and betting odds on the birds. "We seized razor-sharp spurs that are attached to the legs of the birds so that they can kick each other to death," an RSPCA spokeswoman said. "These fights are savage and often last only seconds before one of the birds is killed. Cock fighting is cruel and barbaric. It is not only illegal to stage such events but also to watch them."

She said the RSPCA was concerned that cock fights were taking place in many locations across the country. "We believe cock fighting is happening somewhere in Britain every weekend but, because of its secretive nature, it is very rare for arrests to be made. The last one was in 1985 at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and there have been only about four arrests in the past 50 years," she said.

The spokeswoman said the society could not tell whether the practice was on the increase because it had only limited information and no figures for comparisons.

People convicted of organising cock fighting can face up to six months in jail or fines of £5,000 under the Protection of Animals Act 1911.

Fighting cock: a battle to the death

Spring is sprung ahead of schedule

By Lucy Berrington

THE first day of spring officially arrives tomorrow but most people would be forgiven for thinking the season had long been under way. Spurred on by the unusually warm, wet and frost-free winter, many spring flowers are blooming weeks ahead of schedule and some birds and animals have started nesting.

Wardens of woodland in the southern counties report carpets of early primroses and bluebells and continual birdsong since February. Wildlife enthusiasts have spotted young squirrels in dreys, mistle thrushes that have already hatched their eggs, and bats and hedgehogs emerging early from their hibernation.

Early migrants from the southern hemisphere included a swift spotted in Sandwich Bay, Kent, not usually seen until late April, and a male Garganey duck that reached the Isle of Sheppey, said Bob Gomes, warden of the Elmley marshes.

John Amand, managing director of Jacques Amand nurseries at Stanmore, west London, has plants in cold storage. He said: "Normally we force the flowers in the greenhouse, but this year they are coming on anyway."

JOHN MOORE/AP

The Queen receives a bouquet at Cape Town airport from Zanela Ngakane

The Queen's helicopter arriving at Simonstown

South Africa visit

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on the guest list of any functions during the royal visit. She may, however, choose to make an appearance, which she is perfectly entitled to do, when the Queen addresses parliament in Cape Town today.

Mrs Mandela is one of the few prominent South Africans the Queen is not scheduled to meet: politicians from all factions of the new Government of National Unity and at least 13 tribal kings have been included in a full programme of official functions that will take the Queen even into the depths of six black townships.

Hundreds of extra police have been drafted into the cities on the Queen's itinerary to keep a tight rein on security, but there has so far been little evidence of serious opposition to her presence, apart from some carping from right-wing Afrikaners because she is not visiting Bloemfontein, one of their traditional capitals, and that she apparently has no plans to apologise for what the British did to the Boers in early colonial days.

Yesterday *Rapport*, the leading Afrikaans Sunday newspaper, commented: "The most important thing about this visit is the economic effects it could have on South Africa, not so much that we will have more British products in South Africa, but that we can export more to Britain."

Refraining from criticism of past bloodshed between rival white settlers, *Rapport* added: "British history [in South Africa] is not without its blemishes. But the same can be said for us."

After greeting the Queen yesterday, Mr Mbeki said: "It is very good she is visiting: it signals the strength of the relationship between this country and the UK. It is particularly good she has come so soon after the change of government." Mr Mbeki was five years old when the Queen last visited South Africa.

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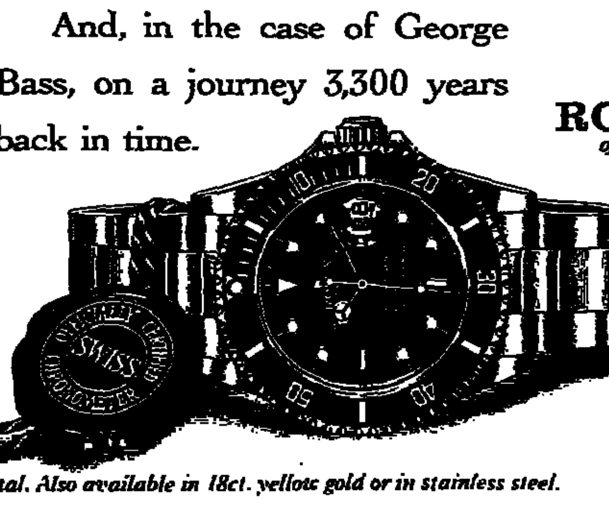

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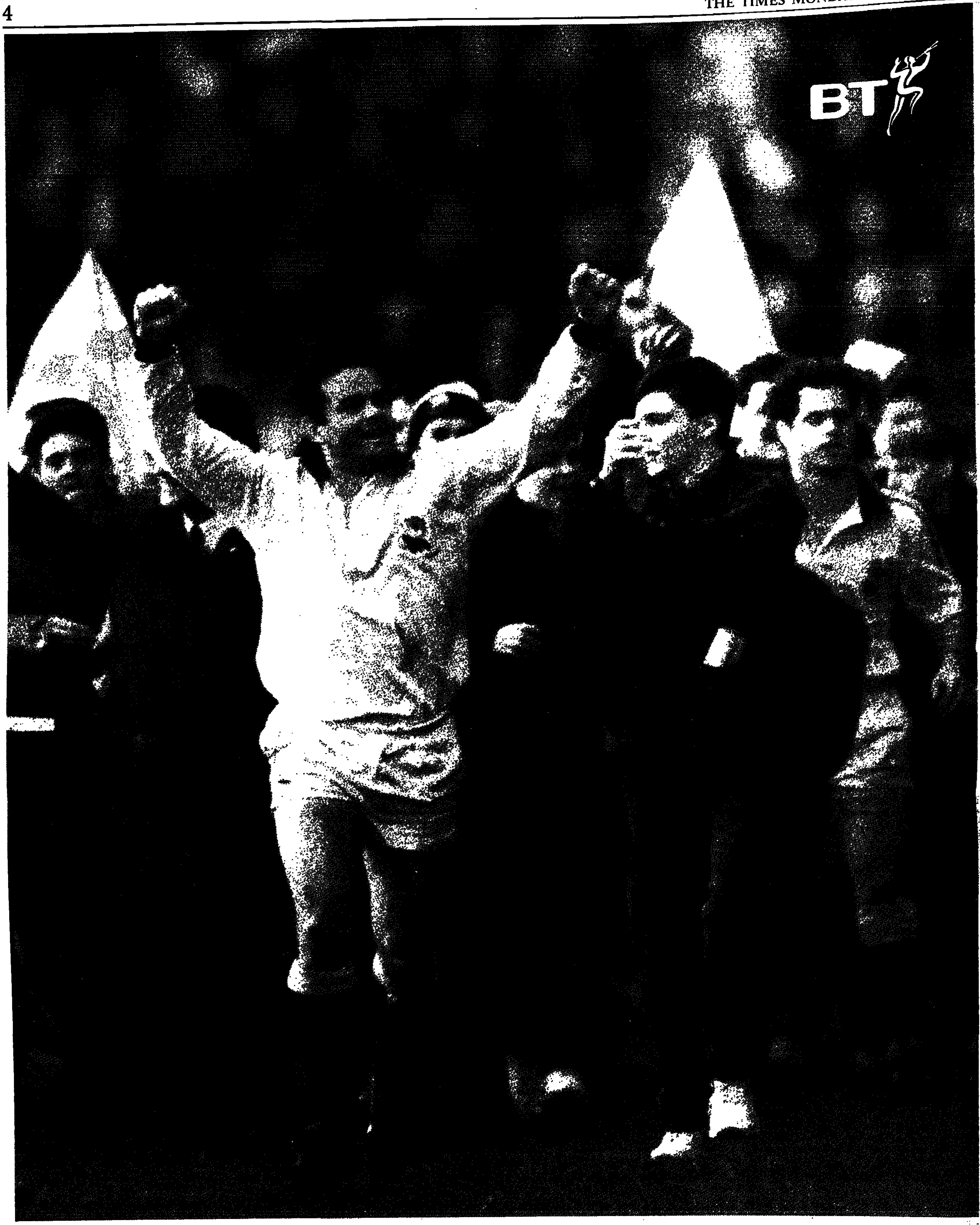

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Single-sex schooling at risk as private sector goes co-ed

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A WAVE of independent schools switching to co-education has prompted fears that single-sex schooling will disappear in some parts of Britain by the end of the century.

Despite the success of single-sex schools in examination league tables, financial pressures and the continuing popularity of mixed schools among parents are reviving a trend that had shown signs of faltering. Two boys' schools have announced this month that they are changing their intake, joining some famous names taking girls for the first time.

Mill Hill School, in north London, had already announced that it would become co-educational in September, while Cheltenham College, in Gloucestershire, is introducing girls in its junior school. In the past fortnight, Bramcote School in Scarborough, one of the leading preparatory schools in the North of England, has followed suit and Epsom College in Surrey has announced that it is taking girls throughout the senior school.

Mergers and closures will further deplete the ranks of single-sex schools this autumn. Boys attending St Augustine's College and Abbey Preparatory School at Westgate in Essex will be offered places at a co-educational school to be established by the town's Ursuline Convent. Plans for a merger between Charters-Ancaster girls' school in Bexhill, East Sussex, and the co-educational Battle Abbey School are being contested by parents.

With mixed schools increasingly dominating the state system, independent education provides the only opportunity for single-sex schooling in many areas. More than a third of local authorities now have no segregated schools, leaving half the population of England served entirely by co-education.

Some independent boys' schools, such as Abingdon School in Oxfordshire have decided not to take girls to preserve their traditions and widen parents' choice. But other areas are now left with few single-sex schools. In southwest England, for example, only four all-boys senior boarding schools are left in the independent sector, and throughout Britain more than 50 single-sex preparatory schools have become mixed since 1990.

Bramcote School opted for co-education after more than 100 years as a boys' school because of the decline in boarding in the under-13 age group and to mirror the arrangements in the senior schools it serves.

Dick Davison, spokesman for the Independent Schools Information Service, said the independent sector was conscious of its role as the main source of single-sex education, but governors had to decide on the best course for their schools.

Civil servant attacks education reforms

By John O'Leary

SIR GEOFFREY HOLLAND, senior civil servant at the Education Department until last year, will tomorrow denounce some of the measures he had to implement.

In his first public criticism of government policy since his resignation last March, Sir Geoffrey will use a Channel 4 documentary to attack the National Curriculum, A levels and the traditional teaching methods favoured by ministers. He says provision for 16 to 19-year-olds is "a mess".

There was frequent speculation about disagreements with John Patten, then Education Secretary, during Sir Geoffrey's brief period as permanent secretary at the department. He is now Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University.

In tomorrow's *20-20 Vision* programme, he says: "One of my main worries about the National Curriculum is that it's focused us so much on subject and content and detail of what has to be learnt and achieved at a time when the half life of knowledge is getting shorter."

He says A levels are too narrow and need reforming. He also expresses concern about the standard of qualifications on training courses. He fears that £1.25 billion spent on modern apprenticeships is "throwing good money after bad".

Patten: disagreement denied

Sir Geoffrey places some blame for educational shortcomings with universities. "Our education system still dances to the tune of the old universities. Their influence, particularly Oxford and Cambridge, remains pervasive and insidious: education behind closed walls for a young elite."

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Queen Elizabeth knighting Drake after his circumnavigation. Supporters say he discovered Cape Horn almost 40 years before Schouten

Drake historians lay claim to Cape Horn

By Andrew Pierce

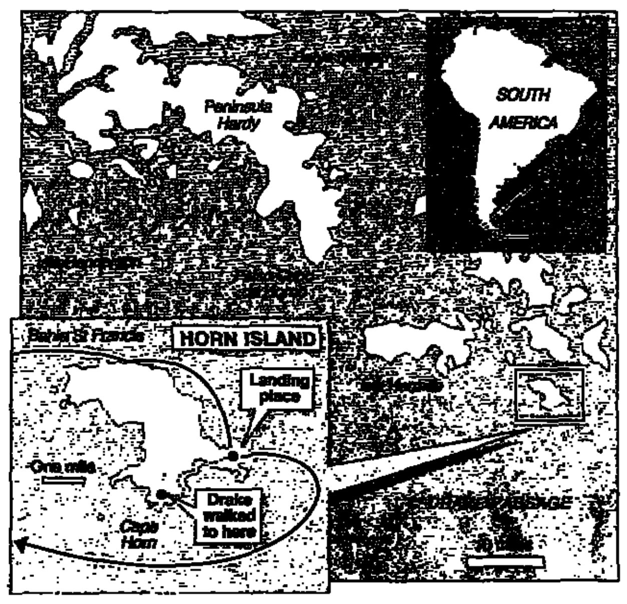
FOUR HUNDRED years after his death Sir Francis Drake has sailed into an international dispute over who discovered Cape Horn. Historians on both sides of the Atlantic are pressing for Drake to be credited with the discovery of the most southerly tip of South America in 1578 during his four-year circumnavigation in the *Golden Hind*.

Until recently the Dutch explorer Schouten was acknowledged as the first man to sail around the Horn, in 1615. The cape took its name from Hoorn, his home town. The Dutch are fiercely resisting the claim by Drake's supporters, who are adamant that the history books should be rewritten before 1996, the 400th anniversary of Drake's death.

The National Maritime Historical Society in New York and the Drake Navigators' Guild in California claim that the scourge of the Spanish Armada was so excited by the discovery that he threw himself to the ground on what was then the most southerly tip of the world. They say that he named it Cape Elizabeth in honour of the Queen.

The historians have produced dcoumentary evidence and retraced Drake's voyage through maps and charts to try to prove their case. The Royal Geographical Society in London and the National Geographical Society in New York will arbitrate on the dispute.

Peter Stanford, president of the maritime society, said: "Maps including the famous Hondius map from the 1590s shows Cape Horn as it really is, with open ocean to the south. The map was drawn 20 years before Schouten and shows the route of Drake's voyage. Schouten must have seen that map before he claimed to have discovered the cape."

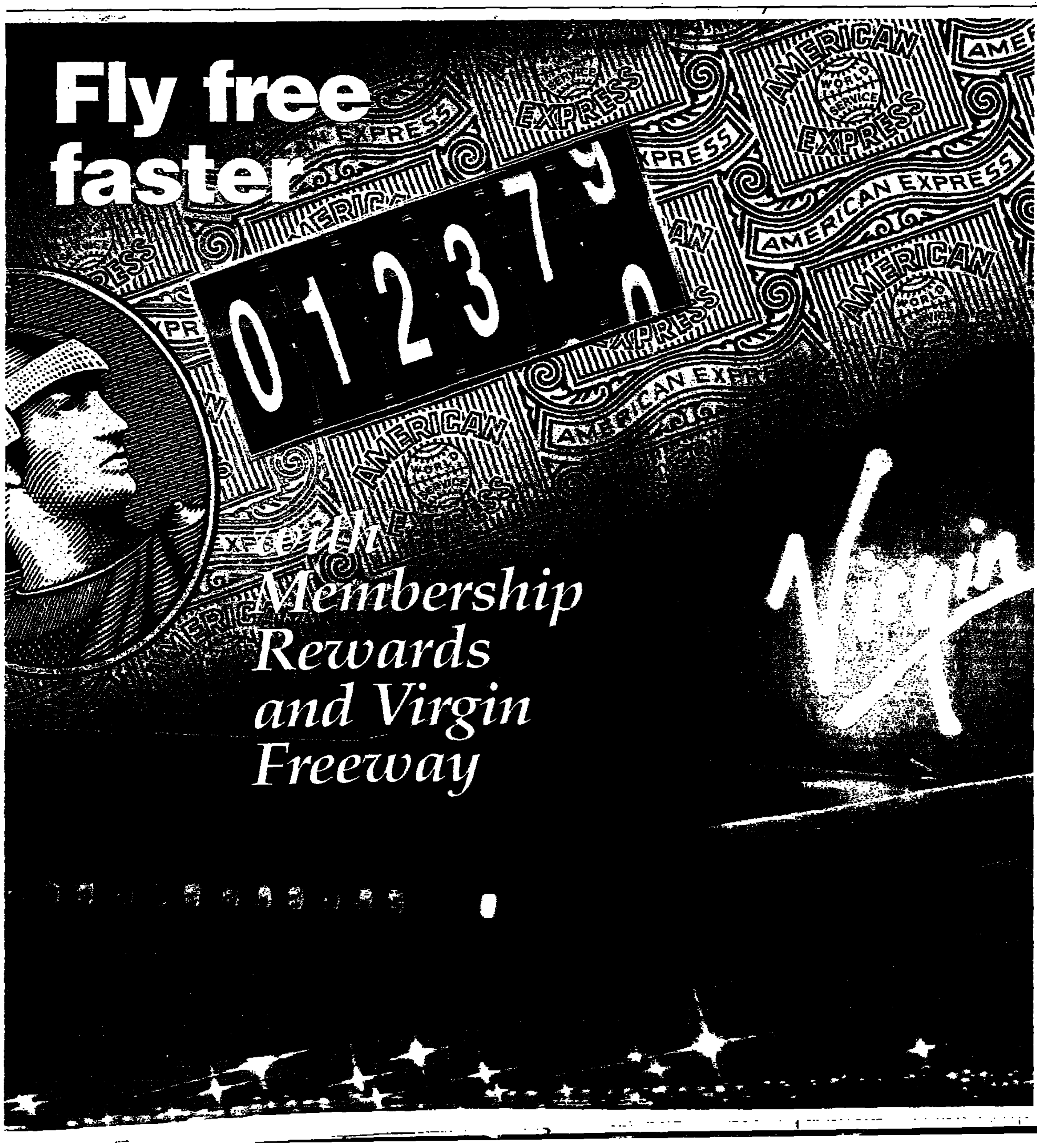


The Hondius map, now in the British Museum, gave the first indication of a new gateway to the Pacific. The discovery was regarded as a state secret by Elizabeth I, who did not want the Spaniards to know of the new route. Until then access had been through only the Straits of Magellan, which were under Spanish control.

Mr Stanford said that Francis Fletcher, chaplain of the *Golden Hind*, wrote about Horn Island in 1588. "They went on the island in clear weather and could see open ocean as far as the eye could see to the south. From Cape Horn, on a clear day, you can see something like 50 miles. It could only have been Cape Horn."

Sir Richard Hawkins, son of Sir John who was the architect of the Elizabethan navy, wrote in his *Observations* published in 1622 that Drake had told him about the discovery. Drake "anchored under the lee of it, and going ashore, carried a compasse with him and seeking out the southermost part cast himself downe upon the uppermost point grovelling. Presently, he imbarked, and then recounted unto his people, that he had beene upon the southermost knowne land in the World."

Hazelhoff Roelfzema, secretary of the Dutch Cape Horners Foundation, said: "You will not be amazed that the foundation … will take a stand against the inexact presentation of Drake's discoveries. We will attempt our own analysis of the existing records of Drake's track."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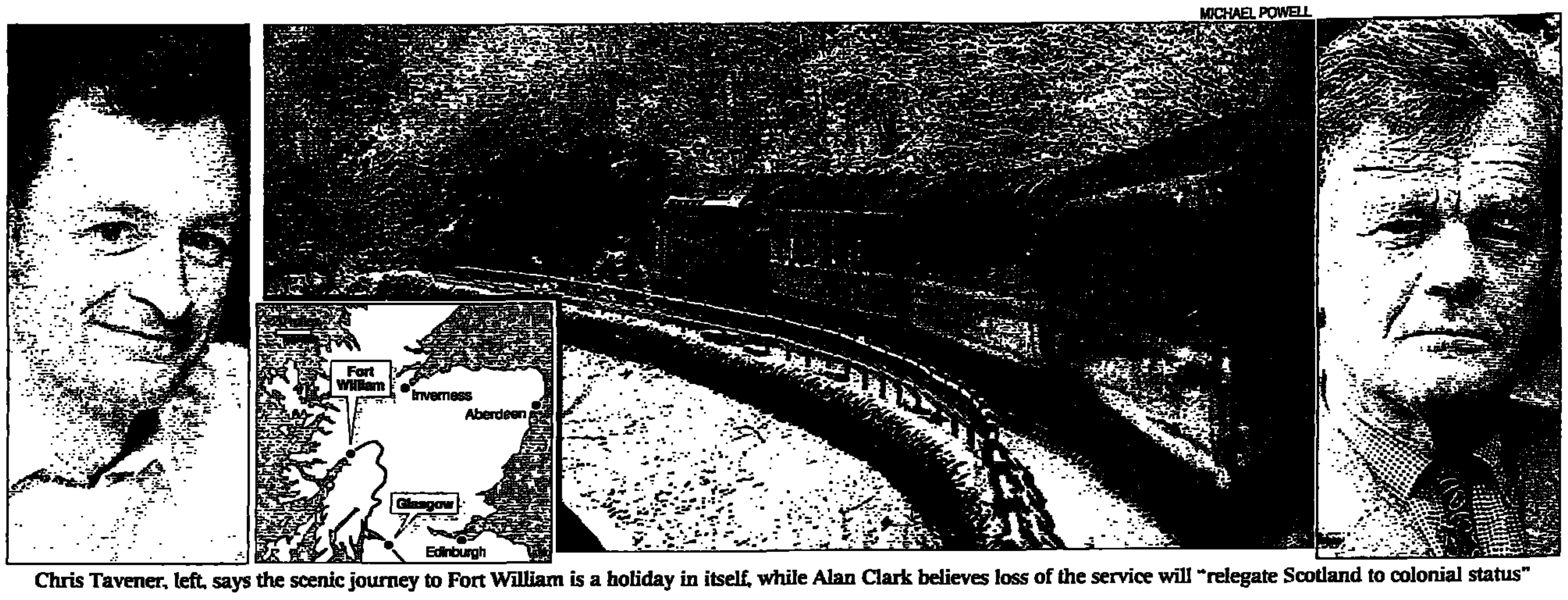
‘It brings into question the whole privatisation. This is not just another train but a holiday in itself’

Rail buffs rush to save doomed Scottish sleeper service

By Nicola Tyrrell



Chris Tavener, left, says the scenic journey to Fort William is a holiday in itself, while Alan Clark believes loss of the service will “relegate Scotland to colonial status”

THE campaign to save one of the most romantic train journeys in Europe, the West Highland sleeper from London to Fort William, began in earnest last week as the 20.25 pulled out of Euston.

The day after British Rail announced it was to end the 94-year-old service, the train was packed with rail buffs determined to halt the planned closure on May 28. Enthusiasts from as far afield as America and Japan have booked places for the 12-hour journey (standard fare £148, return Super Saver £108) to ensure the train is virtually full for its last ten weeks.

As the train picked up speed heading for the first stop at Crewe, passengers explained their attachment to a service they see as part of the national heritage and a vital link with Scotland.

“It brings into question the wisdom of the whole rail privatisation issue,” said Chris Tavener, a businessman from West Sussex travelling north with friends for a holiday in the Highlands. “You can get to Paris by train in three hours, but Scotland is becoming impossible. And this is not just another train but a holiday in itself.”

Lindsey Robertson, a charity worker who has been travelling to his home in Argyll on the sleeper once a month for eight years, and who always sits at the same table with his Glenfiddich and soda, said: “It’s an institution. You meet a tremendous cross-section of people on board, from lords to fishermen, skiers and climbers.”

Ken Lightfoot, chief steward for seven years, said many people had been travelling on the train since childhood. “People are beginning to stay up later, drinking in groups to savour last precious moments.”

Peter Shepherd, who is a regular passenger and an active member of a campaign group in Fort William called Storm (Stop This Railway Madness), said: “People locally feel this is the thin end of the wedge, the beginning of the end of the rail service which will cut jobs and devastate the local economy.” He added: “We are going to fight to save this service.”

But the real fight will take place at Westminster. Alan Clark, a former Defence Minister and one of many senior Tories concerned about the closure, is a frequent user of the Scottish sleeper services. He believes loss of the service will “relegate Scotland to colonial status”.

The impact of the pending closure is already being felt in Fort William, the gateway to the Scottish islands and the western Highlands. The Scottish Tourist Board said there had been a spate of summer holiday cancellations since the announcement.

British Rail says the train has been running at less than full capacity. But passengers on board said that in the past they had been turned away and forced to use day services, only later to find that spaces had been available on the sleeper.

Campaigners believe the service has been poorly marketed, and that the 101-year history of the line, with its feeling of “old world” travel and the spectacular winding route through the Highlands with views of snow-capped mountains, gives it the potential to be a prime tourist attraction. On the line’s centenary last year, the outgoing BR chairman Sir Bob Reid said that the Fort William line was “a marvellous selling point for Europe”.

There is still a chance that the service will win a reprieve after a consultation on rail services in Scotland in May.

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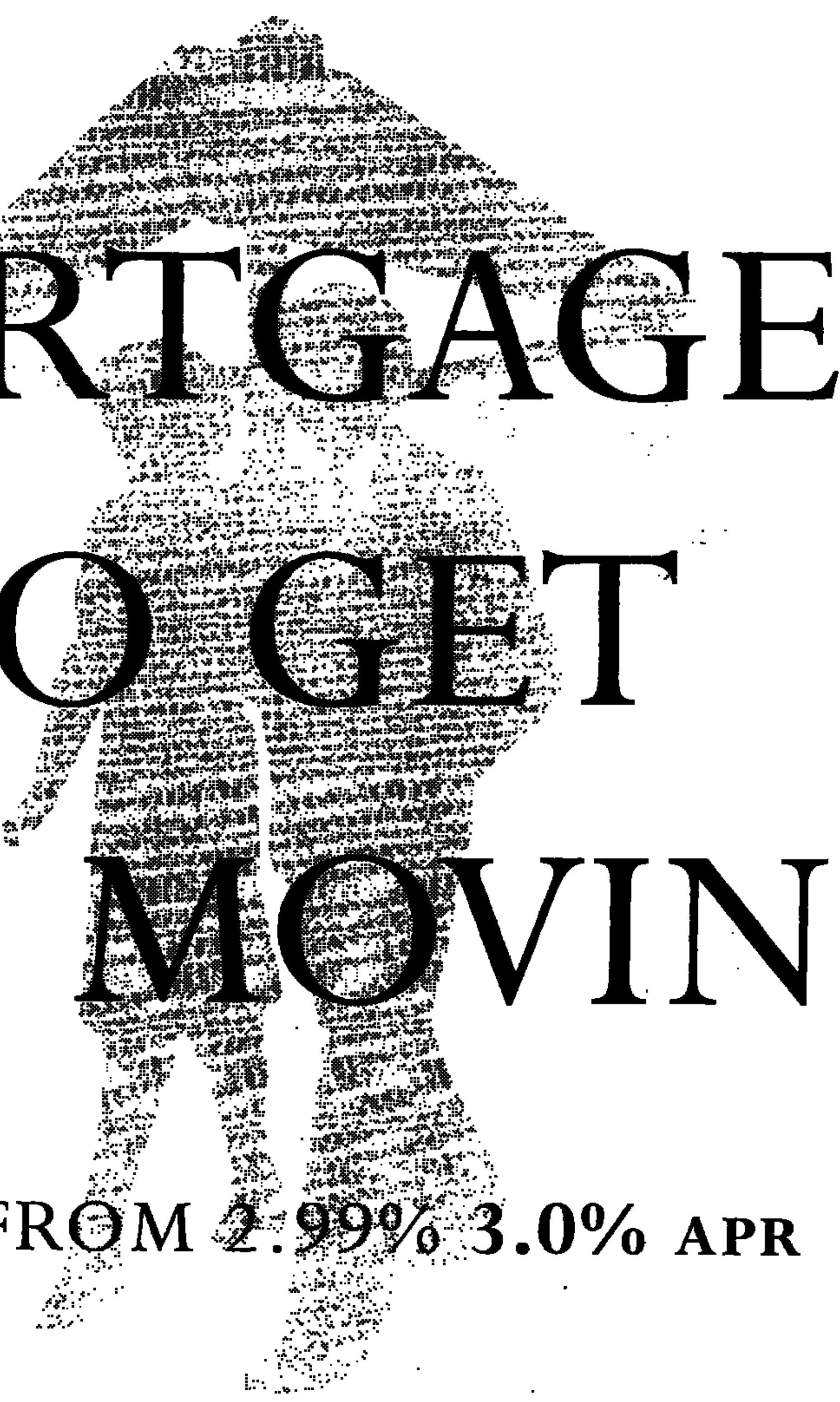

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Prison visitors may regain powers to punish inmates

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE Government is considering restoring powers of punishment to prison Boards of Visitors. With indiscipline among inmates growing, the Home Office is reviewing the role of boards and ministers have demanded a report this month.

The review committee, chaired by Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, wants to strengthen the role of Boards of Visitors. It is studying the recruitment of members, their funding and whether they should be renamed. A board, made up of lay people, is appointed for each prison and monitors conditions in the jail, its administration and the treatment of inmates.

The most far-reaching idea being canvassed is to restore to boards the power to discipline prisoners, something that would reverse a policy implemented only three years ago when they lost power to adjudicate on serious outbreaks of indiscipline. Since then, there has been criticism by some boards that governors can impose only 28 days’ remission at most for disciplinary offences, rather than the 120 days which they could impose under the old rules. More serious incidents are referred to the police and Crown Prosecution Service but board members say that the lack of prosecutions has encouraged prisoners to believe they can get away with indiscipline and has lowered morale among prison staff.

The boards today suggest the creation of panels from among their 1,600 members, comprising a legally qualified chairman and two lay people, to deal with disciplinary matters at groups of prisons.

Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has informally suggested that stipendiary magistrates go into prisons to deal with serious offences.

David Abelson, of the Co-ordinating Committee of Boards of Visitors, said the Crown Prosecution Service often did not prosecute inmates for serious indiscipline. “When they do, many convictions are disposed of by a concurrent sentence or conditional discharge. There is very little understanding of the subtleties of prison,” he said. The number of assaults by prisoners on staff and on other prisoners has risen in recent years, to 5,644 in 1993-94.

David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers’ Association, said governors should be provided with the proper range of penalties.

A number of boards have produced reports criticising the Crown Prosecution Service for failing to take seriously the gravity of offences inside jails. The police and CPS, however, say they have difficulty in getting evidence from inmates. The CPS also has to consider whether it is in the public interest to bring prosecutions against people who might already be serving long sentences.

Call for legal limit on jail populations

A JAIL the size of Dartmoor’s needs to open every two months to take the present increase of prisoners, a report published today says (Lucy Berrington writes).

The report by the Penal Affairs Consortium, which comprises 24 organisations, proposes a legal limit on the numbers held in each jail. The prison population will this month exceed 51,239 for the first time since 1987.

The Government is planning six more jails and 2,000 additional places at existing ones; the consortium says this is inadequate. Overcrowding produces unpleasant conditions and restrictive regimes, threatening prison discipline, the report says.

Mackay seeks end to ‘quickie’ divorces

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor will outline proposals in the next few weeks to scrap the “quickie” divorce procedure favoured by 75 per cent of separating couples.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern has won Cabinet backing for a White Paper in which couples will have to settle disputes on finances and custody of children before being granted a decree. The aim of the proposals, outlined in a Green Paper last year, is to remove the notion of “fault”, which underpins the present divorce system, and to end lengthy and expensive court disputes.

Couples will have to consider the welfare of their children as a first priority, a change that is likely to delay the granting of divorces. The White Paper is expected to outline three options: one year, 18 months or two years, as the minimum time before couples can seek a divorce after first registering their intention in court. The Lord Chancellor is thought to favour the one-year proposal.

There will also be a new emphasis on settling differences through out-of-court mediation, which will be offered to every couple. Last year Lord Mackay said he wanted a divorce law which “really meets the needs of the people who find that their marriage has run into trouble, by trying to resolve the problems so that they stay married. And if that’s not possible, that they resolve their problems with the minimum of acrimony.”

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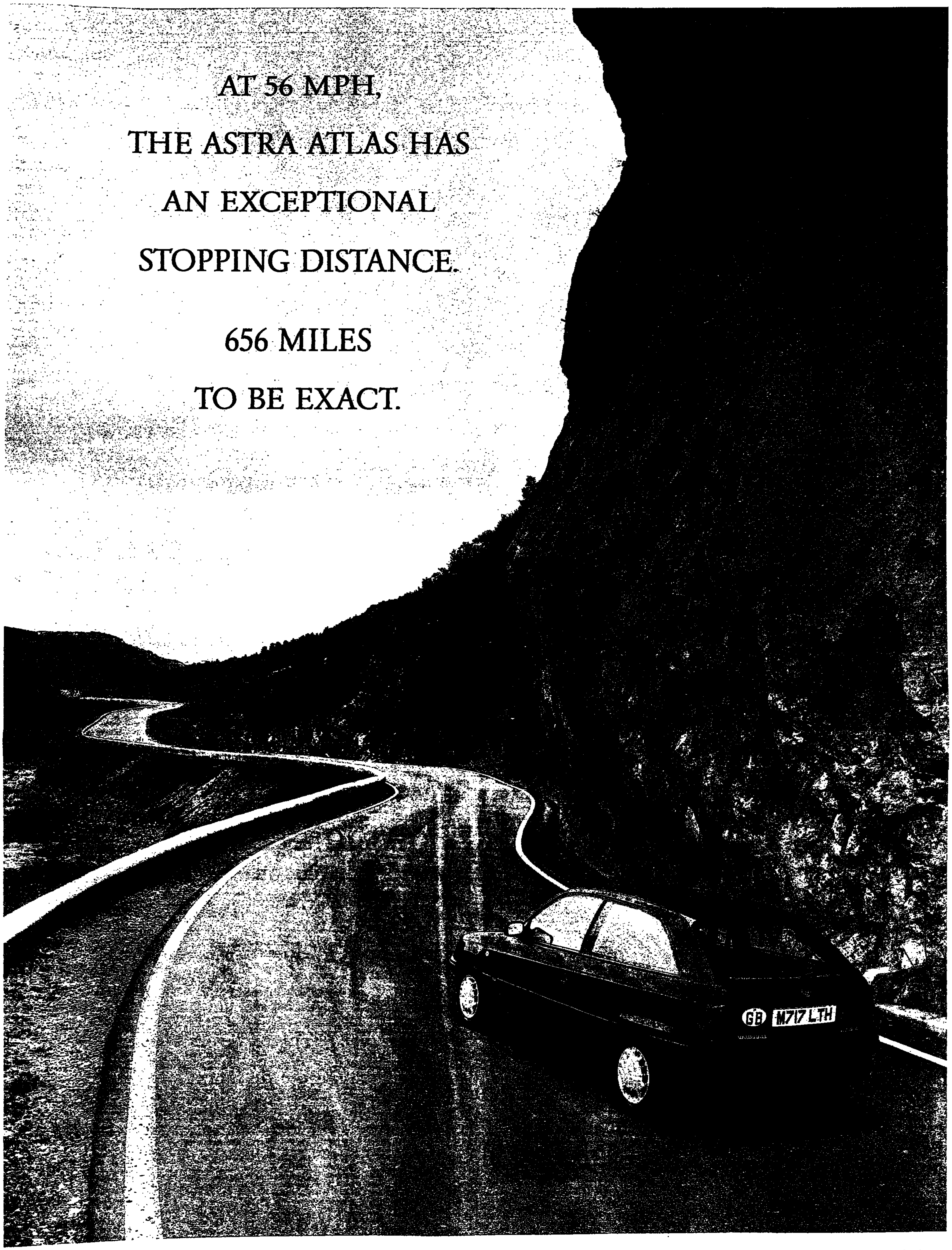

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Men are complacent and ignorant about health, says survey

By Edward Gorman

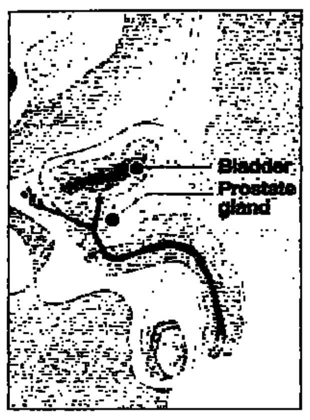
MEN are dangerously ignorant about the growing menaces of prostate and testicular cancer, according to a survey published today. They are also complacent about their health in general and do not regularly consult a doctor, with the result that many men die from conditions that are often preventable.

Eighty-four per cent of men admit they know little or nothing about prostate and testicular cancer; only 11 per cent can locate the prostate on a diagram of the male body. Most are aware the prostate is in the genital region, but the majority (62 per cent) mistake the bladder for it.

Women are slightly better at locating the prostate (59 per cent), even though it only features in the male body.

About 50 per cent of men know that prostate cancer affects only men, while its symptoms, pain on urination and frequent urination, are recognised by only 43 per cent of men.

In its survey, MORI concludes that there is a general lack of knowledge about this part of a man's body, which it believes could be due to embarrassment, the fear of illness or simply a lack of interest in the subject of health among men.



Professor Gordon McVie, scientific director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said there was a clear need to educate men about potentially dangerous cancers. He said that cancer of the prostate now claimed the lives of about 9,000 men a year, making it the third biggest killer of men after cancer of the lung and colon.

"Prostate cancer is a major killer of men. It didn't used to be a problem because it is 70 and 80-year-olds who mostly get it and a lot of men were dying before that age. But now, with heart disease falling, prostate cancer is a much bigger threat," he said.

There is some evidence that prostate cancer is becoming more common in younger men, although the reasons are not known. Professor McVie said men should recognise that getting up in the night regularly to go to the lavatory was not a normal sign of old age, but could be an indication that there was a problem with the prostate.

He said lack of awareness about testicular cancer, which affected younger men, was not as serious a problem because 85 per cent of all cases were successfully cleared up, whether or not they were detected early.

The survey, published in this month's *Reader's Digest*, found that men were much more likely than women to avoid going to the doctor. In the 12 months before the poll was carried out, 23 per cent of men had no contact with a doctor as opposed to 15 per cent of women. Men were also more likely to cancel a visit to their GP.

Sixty-six per cent of men had had their blood pressure taken in the previous two years, compared with 81 per cent of women. Nine per cent of men had never had it taken, compared with 2 per cent of women.

Men's reasons for not seeing a doctor ranged from reluctance to have a medical examination (1 per cent) and anxiety at catching something from other patients in the waiting room (1 per cent), to inconvenient surgery hours (13 per cent), lack of time (18 per cent) and concern at wasting the doctor's time (22 per cent).

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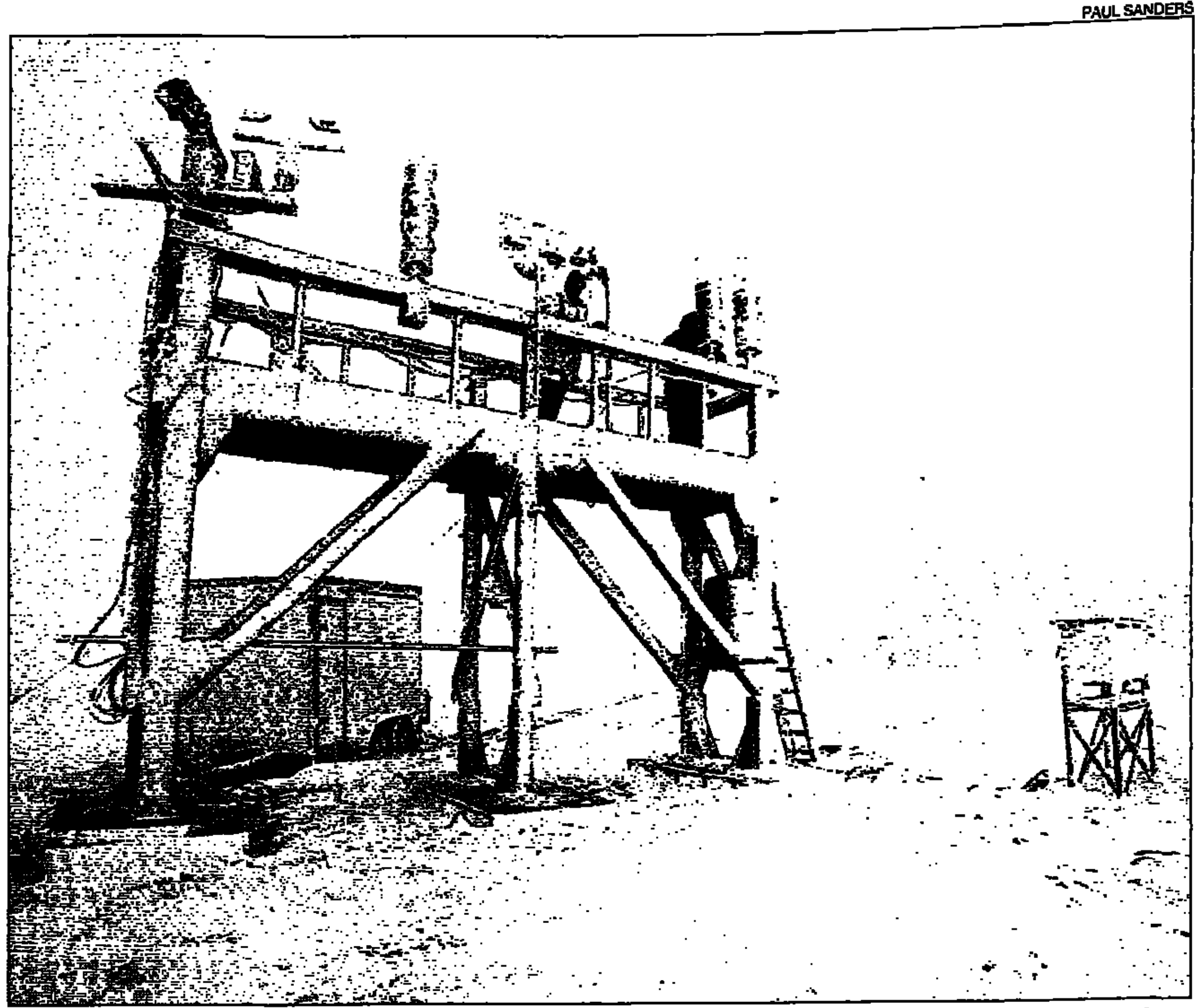

Machinery on top of Great Dunfell, Cumbria, with which scientists will gather condensation from the clouds

Researchers suck rain from Cumbrian clouds

SCIENTISTS from six European countries have set up vacuum suction machinery on top of the Lake District's second-highest peak as part of a project to study weather patterns and pollution.

Researchers on the 2,780ft Great Dunfell in Cumbria will collect condensation from the clouds before sending it for analysis at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (Umist). Professor Axel Berner, of Austria, said: "This place is one of the best locations in the world for this kind of experiment. The landscape makes it easy to collect the moisture from the clouds. However, it is more than a little breezy up here."

He said that the experiment would provide information that would enable scientists to predict future climate change and help policy makers to decide on the resources that should be devoted to pollution control.

Dr Keith Bower of Umist said that the project, which began last month, would run for two more weeks. A similar project was run on a mountain-top near Frankfurt a few years ago and others will be started around the world. The next will be run in Tenerife in 1997.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Casualty unit shuts for lack of doctors

One of the biggest hospitals in South Wales had to close its casualty unit on Saturday night because of a shortage of junior doctors. Forty patients were sent away from Neath General Hospital and the unit remained closed until 6am yesterday. Ambulances took 25 patients to Morriston Hospital in Swansea. Andrew Bellamy, general manager, said: "We tried hard to get doctors to cover but it is not easy on the night of a Wales rugby match."

Two crewmen die

Two crewmen, thought to be Norwegian, died after their cargo ship capsized in the North Sea, in 25ft waves. All six on the Norwegian coaster *Unlis* were winched aboard helicopters after it overturned east of Fraserburgh.

Roller death

A boy, aged nine, was crushed to death yesterday when his father ran over him with a grass roller towed behind a Land-Rover. The accident happened at the family's home at Upper Woodford, Wiltshire.

Fatal stabbing

An argument in an east London pub left one man dead and three men and a woman recovering from stab wounds. A man, aged about 30, was arrested after the attack at the Dewdrop Inn, Deptford, early on Saturday.

Fourth charge

Steven Grieveson, 24, an unemployed catering worker accused of killing three teenage boys, has been charged with the attempted murder of a 14-year-old boy. He will appear before Sunderland magistrates again on Friday.

Family fortune

Charles Smith, 94, of Seaton, Devon, has bequeathed £18 million to two stepdaughters who were unaware of his wealth. The former London builder retired to Seaton 28 years ago, increasing wealth through investments.

Painful complaint that brings mayhem to one in six women

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MEDICAL BRIEFING

ENDOMETRIOSIS affects one woman in six of reproductive age: up to two million women in Britain. Despite its high incidence and the misery it can cause, there are few common complaints that are less well understood and it is frequently misdiagnosed. This week has been designated Endometriosis Week, a well-tried method of increasing public awareness of a problem.

Endometriosis is benign only in the sense that it is not cancerous; it can cause mayhem with a woman's life. Its essential feature is that the endometrial cells, which line the cavity of the uterus, are not entirely expelled from the woman's body with her period bleeding, but are scattered elsewhere. It is thought that in most cases retrograde flow through the Fallopian tubes allows fragments of the endometrial lining to settle in the pelvic cavity, around the Fallopian tubes, the bladder and the ovaries.

Less often, endometrial cells may be borne either in the blood system or along the lymphatics to distant sites; so that a menstruating patch of stray tissue can become established away from the pelvis. Endometriosis is occasionally found in the pleura, the covering of the lungs, and in the guts.

Each month, the rogue patches of endometrium respond to the woman's hormonal cycle and engorge in tune with the changes within her uterine cavity. If the patches bleed, the blood is irritant, but in any case the aberrant tissue causes a varying amount of pain and inflammation and in time the affected area can form an inflammatory mass.

The pain and discomfort suffered by any woman is not proportional to the size of the endometrial deposit but more to its site. The patient's hormonal balance is also upset, so that her fertility, already adversely affected by the endometrial tissue which may be forming around the Fallopian tubes, is further reduced by an upset to her ovulatory cycle. Between 30 and 40 per cent of patients become infertile.

The hallmarks of the condition are usually thought of as pelvic pain, worse during periods; heavy periods; a pelvic mass; infertility; and pain during intercourse. Lower back pain, a swollen abdomen particularly at period times, pain on passing water, and pain or bleeding when opening the bowels are less common presenting symptoms.

There have been heated arguments over whether endometriosis particularly affects highly strung and intelligent women. The general view now is that it is the chaotic periods, painful love life and the upset of the hormonal balance that induce the psychological traits including insomnia and depression; that these symptoms follow the physical troubles rather than *vice versa*. Its apparent predilection for attacking career women is probably related to their tendency to postpone having babies until they are well established in a job. If fertility is not affected, and conception takes place, the endometriosis is cured.

Diagnosis is made by endoscopy. Laparoscopy, in which an illuminated telescope is inserted through the abdominal wall, is the best method of detecting stray endometrial implants.

Treatment is by interfering with the menstrual cycle, either for a few months to allow time for the deposits to shrivel or, particularly for those beyond child-bearing age, by removal of the uterus and ovaries. Minor surgery can be used to cut away patches of the endometrial tissue, and this will occasionally provide relief. Two groups of hormones are used to stop the menstrual cycle: danazol, a testosterone derivative, is normally taken for six to nine months, or the gonadotrophin-releasing hormone agonists which are administered for six months.

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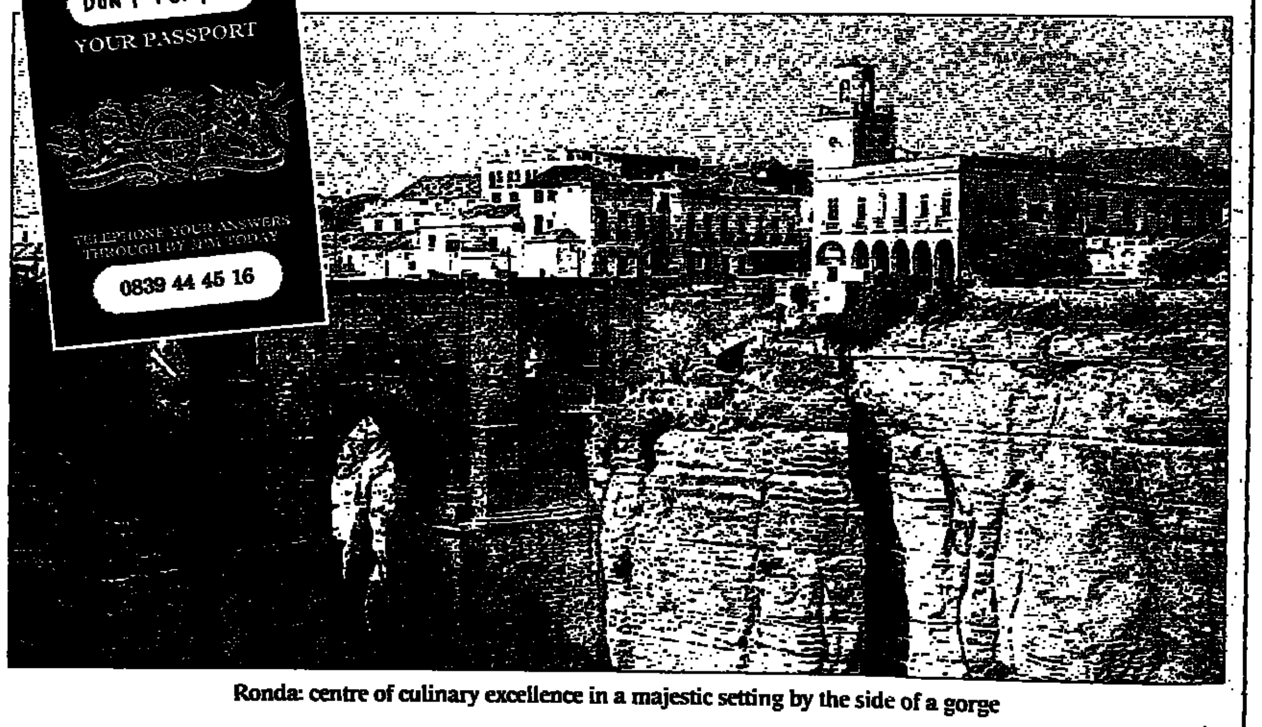

Ronda: centre of culinary excellence in a majestic setting by the side of a gorge

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Frances Bissell knows Andalusia well and has written many cookery books. Janet Mendell will be the course director for the other tours in the series. She has spent the past 25 years in Spain; her recipes have been gathered from local restaurants and kitchens and she has written two books on Spanish cookery and contributes to several magazines.

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Church fights US child benefit cuts

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN A statement likely to reignite divisions over abortion within the Republican Party, leading Roman Catholic bishops in the United States have condemned plans to stop welfare payments for many children born out of wedlock.

As the US House of Representatives prepares to debate welfare reform this week — part of the latest stage in the Contract with America sponsored by Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, which hopes to wrest $50 billion (£32 billion) from the federal budget in the next five years — the bishops have also denounced provisions in the Republican Bill which aim to end benefits to unmarried teenage mothers and illegal immigrants.

The statement, entitled *Moral Principles and Policy Priorities for Welfare Reform*, said that although the status quo was unacceptable, the Government should not abandon its role in fighting poverty. "It is children who pay the greatest price for the failures of the current system. Genuine welfare reform is a moral imperative and urgent national priority," the Administrative Board of the United States Catholic Conference said.

"Genuine welfare reform should rely on incentives more than harsh penalties; for example, denying needed benefits for children born to mothers on welfare can hurt the children and pressure their mothers toward abortion and sterilisation."

Such opposition from the senior leadership of the nation's Catholic bishops will be unwelcome to congressional Republicans who have endured similar criticism from Democrats arguing that the Bill would visit the sins of the parents on their children.

The legislation, which would end cash subsidies to any child born to a woman already receiving assistance, is likely nevertheless to be passed by a House where party discipline among the Republican majority remains strong. The bishops' statement, however, has widespread and diverse support from both proponents and opponents of abortion, child welfare advocates and civil libertarians and may lead to certain modifications to the Bill.

Some congressmen were still weighing their options, however. "I am leaning towards supporting the Bill," Michael Castle, a Delaware Republican, said, adding that he was concerned it did not contain enough child care funding to enable mothers on welfare to go to work.

Gingrich: his Contract with America under fire

Christopher Smith, the New Jersey congressman and former director of the state's Right to Life Committee, has said he will vote against his party if no changes are made. "I don't think you should use the child as a pawn in trying to influence the mother's behaviour. These proposals are inhumane," Mr Smith said.

House representatives Dick Armey, the Republican majority leader, and Tom DeLay, the majority whip, have suggested that they may support amendments which would allow the states to provide vouchers allowing more generous treatment of young mothers and children born outside marriage.

In the Senate, where members of both parties are still seeking the best method of dealing with the issue of unmarried teenage mothers, the prospect of a Bill denying any benefits to illegitimate children born to women younger than 18 and to the women themselves is likely to provoke an even stronger reaction. It could incite opposition from more conservative Republicans opposed to abortion rights at a time when the party has been keen to avoid bringing that divisive debate into public view.

The Catholic Church has a strong voice in America where it resettles thousands of refugees and immigrants each year. Churches and charitable agencies run hundreds of soup kitchens, food banks, orphanages and shelters for the homeless lending authority to any statements involving social equality.

Cardinal John O'Connor, the Archbishop of New York, wrote to Congress recently urging that the Republicans should endorse the amendments to the Bill which would permit vouchers to be used for items such as nappies, clothing and school supplies.

Mgr Howard Hubbard, Bishop of Albany in New York State, said that the church leadership had felt it essential to speak out against the Bill which would reverse a trend of 60 years towards increasing federal control of social welfare policy.

"There is no question that some of what we are saying is running against the tide," he told *The New York Times*. "Unfortunately, those who will be most affected are not well organised and cannot speak for themselves. If we do not make the point, I do not know who else will."

Cardinal O'Connor leads the St Patrick's Day parade in New York last week. He wants the welfare Bill to be softened so as to allow more help for children

'Panic' landed Americans in Iraqi prison

BY TOM RHODES

AMERICA continued yesterday to negotiate through foreign intermediaries for the release of two nationals being held in Iraq after they strayed north of the Kuwaiti border.

The Clinton Administration has asked the United Nations and Poland, which has handled American interests in Iraq since the ending of diplomatic relations before the Gulf War, to press Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi President, for the release of the Americans, currently being questioned by Iraqi lawyers in Baghdad.

William Perry, the US Secretary of Defence, had hoped for the early release of the captives to coincide with his departure from Saudi Arabia after a week-long diplomatic mission yesterday.

Gaining their release, however, has been made more complicated by increasingly tense relations between Baghdad and Washington following America's pressure on the United Nations to maintain strict economic sanctions against Iraq.

The two men, working under contract to the McDonnell Douglas Corporation to maintain aircraft in Kuwait, were yesterday identified by one of their wives as David Daliberti and Bill Barloon.

Kathy Daliberti, of Jacksonville, Florida said: "It's just a terrible, terrible thing, and I am just about at my wit's end not knowing if he's all right and how they are treating him." It is thought the two men had been trying to visit a friend in a Danish engineering unit near the border, but had made a wrong turning and passed seemingly unnoticed through a UN border checkpoint before being arrested at Umm Qasr.

"As near as we can tell, it was a mistake, a blunder on their part," said Mr Perry, who was keen to avoid any public provocation of Baghdad. "And the reason they got past the checkpoints was apparently they were mistaken for a UN vehicle. By the time they had realised their mistake they were in Iraq."

The English-language *Arab Times* in Kuwait, reported yesterday that the pair panicked when they realized they had strayed over the border and drew the attention of an Iraqi border patrol.

It said that when they realised their mistake, they swung their car around and headed for Kuwait. "Had they not panicked, they would have been in the hands of Unikom and not in the hands of ... you know who," an unidentified UN officer was quoted as saying.

The two, who were said to be in no danger, could be imprisoned for up to 20 years for illegal entry. But precedent has shown that in other cases since the Gulf War, such prisoners have been either expelled or released before serving a full sentence.

ANC faces clash with unions over economy

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

THE generally conservative South African Budget and the abolition of the two-tier currency system has completed a triumphant week for the new team managing the economy.

There is a great deal of good news. The economy, which had shown negative growth since 1990, grew by 2.5 per cent last year and is expected to breach 3 per cent this year. The rand, which was universally expected to depreciate when stripped of its two-tier defence, has appreciated. As the economy reflates, so a balance of payments gap has appeared but capital inflows have covered that. Investments are up and property prices are expected to follow.

The irony is that the African National Congress-led Government has in many ways adopted economic policies more conservative than those of its National Party predecessors. Despite the presence of a communist Deputy Minister of Finance, the old radical policies of the ANC and South African Communist Party have been stood on their head. The word "socialism" is never mentioned. The old commitments to sweeping nationalisation have gone, replaced by talk of privatisation.

The Budget's chief objectives would have found favour with Margaret Thatcher: it aims to reduce government debt, to cut the Budget deficit and to cut government spending, despite expectations of a public spending binge.

The brunt of an expected 3 per cent cut in spending this year is to be borne by public service workers whose pay accounts for 37 per cent of the Budget. Their total wage bill is said to rise by just 3.25 per cent, while inflation is more than 10 per cent and rising. Themba Ncalo, the leader of the Health and Public Service Workers Union, condemned the Budget. "The Government", he said, "has abandoned the people who voted it into power and we will get even by mobilising public servants to boycott the local elections." This is a significant threat, for without the co-operation of the public service it is difficult to see how the elections can be held at all.

> ‘ The old radical policies have been stood on their head. The word *socialism* is never mentioned ’

The Government's five-year Reconstruction and Development Programme is running further behind and the entire economic advance is being led by the private sector. It appears that the great mining houses, led by the Anglo American Corporation, which saw off an Afrikaner threat to nationalise them in 1948 have seen off a similar threat from African nationalists.

The ANC's somersault on economic policy, its alignment with business and the forthcoming collision with the unions, merely confirm that the fundamental process at work in South Africa is the rapid social and economic consolidation of a new black middle class: this, rather than the populist promises of the Reconstruction and Development Programme, is what the ANC's victory has really been about. The real question is how well President Mandela will be able to hold together the "broad church" of the ANC as the perception sinks in.

☐ Johannesburg: An inquiry has been ordered into a confrontation between police and the armed bodyguards of Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President, who met the Queen yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes). It is claimed that the bodyguards threatened the black policemen after they were challenged about having AK47 assault rifles.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Visit hit by execution

Manila: Widespread outrage in the Philippines over the hanging of a Filipina maid forced the postponement yesterday of a visit here next month by Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's Prime Minister.

Roberto Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Secretary, said the visit had been "postponed to a more propitious time", and that he had recommended to President Ramos the creation of a presidential commission to investigate the case of the executed maid. The postponement had been mutually agreed by the two Governments, he said. *(Reuter)*

Khomeini rites

Tehran: Ahmad Khomeini, 48, the son of Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's late leader, has been buried in a mausoleum next to his father in Tehran. *(Reuter)*

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Double win

Bonn: A habitual criminal escaped another prison sentence after winning 2.7 million marks (£1.25 million) on the lottery. A court in Oldenburg decided his win would help him to go straight. *AFP)*

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Rabbani consolidates his power base as last opposition militia is driven out

Kabul army routs Taleban students in dawn attack

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent

AFGHAN government forces drove the Taleban students' army from its base ten miles south of Kabul in a dawn attack with rockets and artillery yesterday, clearing the capital of opposition militias for the first time in three years.

The rout has left President Rabbani firmly in control and punctured the myth of invincibility surrounding Taleban, which captured a third of the country in a six-month march through Pashtun-dominated southern provinces before halting at the gates of Kabul last month.

Taleban is enforcing the tenets of fundamentalist Islam on the areas under its control, to the resentment of most of the population. These include public floggings and amputations. It used its moral authority to seize territory with little fighting, but evidently lacks sufficient military prowess to extend its reach beyond Pashtun provinces.

Taleban and other anti-Government forces have been driven too far from the city to threaten it with rockets and artillery, raising the possibility of prolonged peace for the first time since rival warlords launched a power struggle after the fall of the communist Government in April 1992. Hundreds of thousands of Kabul refugees will be tempted to return from refugee camps near the eastern city of Jalalabad.

The victory makes it doubtful that President Rabbani, a Tajik, will give up power in the near future, despite promising the United Nations that he would hand power to an interim governing council tomorrow pending the election of a legitimate government.

His three-year term of office ended in December, when he refused to step down. He failed to honour a pledge to the UN to resign in February and his latest military victory makes it almost inconceivable that he will resign in the forseeable future. The UN, nevertheless, says that it has received word that he may be ready to go next month.

President Rabbani has no need to resign because he is 'unassailable militarily for the time being and there is no structure in place for the succession. He is president in name only, without international recognition, with no legitimacy and with a writ that stops at Kabul. He does not preside over a Government worthy of the name and 20 of the country's 30 provinces are controlled by ten different warlords, most of whom are his enemies.

The Defence Ministry said that 100 to 150 Taleban soldiers were killed in yesterday's attack. Charasyab has changed hands three times in the past few months: it was the headquarters of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Pashtun fanatic who pulverised the city for two years: Taleban defeated him a month ago and occupied the town; and now government troops have stormed it.

The Government's work has been done for it by Taleban, which destroyed Hekmatyar's forces by attacking from the rear. It also overran positions held in southwest Kabul by Hezb-i-Wahdat, a Shia group, which is now all but irrelevant in the Kabul power battle to the dismay of Iran, its sponsor. Government forces drove Taleban from the former Shia positions last week. Taleban's closest position to Kabul is now Pul-e-Alam, 38 miles south of the city.

☐ **Islamabad:** Thousands of followers of an Afghan Shia faction leader killed this week, apparently while held captive by Taleban forces, have started a long march through central Afghanistan with his body which they want to bury in Mazar-i-Sharif in the north.

Mourners carried the body of Abdul Ali Mazari, the opposition Hezb-i-Wahdat leader, on their shoulders as they marched, an official of the faction said in Pakistan on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

An Afghan woman in a Kabul hospital yesterday with her children; the one on the left was hurt by a rocket last week

Algiers police kill 21 suspect militants

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

AS ALGERIA recruited thousands of conscripts for new locally based police units to combat terrorism, the security forces announced at the weekend that they had killed 21 militants over the past four days in the search for the men responsible for slitting the throats of two teenage sisters.

The APS official news agency said that 20 armed militants were shot dead in search operations in nine villages and cities, including the capital. The other man, armed with a shotgun, was killed as troops fanned out across the country in response to the revulsion at the murder of the girls, aged 16 and 17, in the eastern region of Oum el Bouaghi, about 230 miles from Algiers.

The Interior Minister said on Saturday that the Government is to recruit up to 50,000 men to bolster locally-based police units. Abderahmane Meziane Cherif denied that the force would be a militia.

Mokdad Sifi, the Prime Minister, yesterday cancelled a ceremony to mark the thirty-third anniversary of the end of the war of independence with France and returned to Algiers. No explanation was given, but he hinted in a newspaper interview that Islamic Salvation Front leaders, released as a goodwill gesture, might be jailed again.

Jiang strengthens grip on power

From James Pringle in Peking

JIANG ZEMIN, China's President and Communist Party chief, emerged even stronger yesterday to lead China after the era of Deng Xiaoping.

Mr Jiang, 68, belying his reputation as a weak, lacklustre leader, emerged from the annual meeting of parliament, the National People's Congress, with his new leadership structure in place.

In the past few months he has appeared to have consolidated his grip, and during the Congress introduced two key Vice Premiers into his government, despite unprecedented opposition from delegates to the one chosen to oversee the vital agriculture sector.

A third of the legislators opposed or abstained on the election of Mr Jiang's protégé, Jiang Chunyun, for the task of feeding China's 1.2 billion people on a shrinking agricultural base.

Diplomats say Mr Jiang is likely to need all the help he can get when the ailing Mr Deng, 90, dies. He will have to deal with double-digit inflation, creaking state-run enterprises — a third of which operate at a loss — landless peasants scouring the country for work and a newly assertive parliament seeking to use to the full its limited rights.

"If Mr Deng is really as ill as we believe, then he can die in the knowledge that a new power structure is in place that should allow for China's relative stability in the next few years," one diplomat in Peking said. "Mr Jiang may, after all, last longer than anyone thought." Mr Jiang has succeeded in building a power base in the People's Liberation Army, with a series of promotions and by seeking the personal allegiance of senior generals and regional commanders in recent months. Backed by the administrative skills of Li Peng, the otherwise unpopular Premier, who ordered the army to violently suppress the pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in June, 1989, Mr Jiang has now completed the infrastructure for rule after Mr Deng.

Jiang: introduced two key Vice Premiers

All the same, as the two-week Congress showed, Mr Jiang will have to deal with a more assertive parliament. The 2,752 delegates showed they were tired of empty slogans from party bosses in Peking about fighting corruption and inflation, and on job creation.

They showed their disapproval of Jiang Chunyun, former party boss of Shandong province, who was elected as Vice Premier in charge of agriculture but with only 63 per cent of the vote. Despite these signs of parliamentary assertiveness, however, the Communist Party is likely to remain hardline on such issues as dissidents, Tibet, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Li Ruihuan, a member of the politburo standing committee, admitted to delegates that China had made mistakes in its harsh handling of Hong Kong issues.

Syria and Israel to restart dialogue

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

PEACE talks between Israel and Syria, abandoned for the past three months at Syria's behest, are to re-open in Washington today in what is being seen as an eleventh hour attempt to reach agreement before Israel becomes embroiled in its 1996 general election campaign.

After marathon diplomatic manoeuvring in the Middle East last week by Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, the negotiations are resuming at ambassadorial level, with Washington playing a more interventionist role. "The US has decided to become a mediator instead of a mailman," said a journalist who travelled in Mr Christopher's plane.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's Ambassador to America, said that the talks would help to prepare for the next stage of the dialogue on security arrangements, which is to include military officials from both sides. Mr Rabinovich will be negotiating with Walid Mualem, the Syrian Ambassador to America.

If the talks show promise, Dennis Ross, the chief American peace co-ordinator, will return in two weeks to conduct more shuttle diplomacy. Washington officials said that a Camp David-style summit between President Assad of Syria and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, similar to that which brought peace between Israel and Egypt in 1978, will be necessary if any deal is to be agreed.

Leading members of Israel's Labour Government have relayed to Damascus that because of next year's election, the deadline for achieving a treaty is approaching quickly. However, on the eve of the resumption of the talks, an opinion poll has indicated that a large majority of Israelis are opposed to retreat from the occupied Golan Heights in exchange for full peace with Syria. The poll found 64 per cent opposed and only 34 per cent in favour. Mr Rabin has promised to hold a referendum on any possible deal before it is signed.

In Damascus, Muhammad Salman, the Information Minister, emphasised that Syria would make no compromise on its central demand for a complete Israeli evacuation from land conquered in the 1967 war.

Israeli officials said that the plan being advanced by Israel would involve an initial pullback from around Majdal Shams, home to about 15,000 Syrian Druze Arabs. Three years later, there would be a much wider retreat, but Mr Rabin has never specified the extent of such a possible secondary withdrawal.

How TV network made a crisis out of a drama

From Gwen Robinson in Tokyo

THE screen dramatisation of *Gaijin*, the swashbuckling tale by the late author James Clavell of samurai and British merchants in 19th-century Japan, has become the most spectacular failure in recent television history.

NBC, the American television network, abruptly cancelled the eight-hour miniseries on the fourth day of a 16-week shoot, catching cast and crew in mid-sentence on the multimillion-dollar set, an elaborate copy of a 19th century town. The lavish production of *Gaijin*, starring Diana Rigg, Tim Curry and several top Japanese actors, was the most ambitious television project attempted in Japan, where filmmaking costs are notoriously high. With a multinational cast and crew of more than 300 and locations in Japan and Australia, *Gaijin* was also one of the biggest overseas productions to be undertaken by NBC.

Rigg: screen star cut off in mid-sentence

The company blamed foreign exchange losses due to the recent fall of the dollar. Over ten days from late February, the $30 million (£19 million) budget for *Gaijin* became a $36 million budget, according to NBC. The final cost of cancellation is likely to amount to $20 million for NBC and its Japanese partners, TV Tokyo and Mitsui Trading.

The real story behind the death of *Gaijin*, according to sources involved with the production, involves the disastrous attempts by the American and Japanese sides to reconcile their different approaches to filmmaking. "The currency thing was merely the last straw — by then the budget was probably creeping above $40 million anyway," a production assistant said last week from the hastily abandoned production office.

From the outset, the project was beset by problems of poor planning and communications. Yves Simoneau, the Canadian director, was saddled with a crew of about 130 Japanese, although foreign production managers estimated that only 30 or 40 Japanese were required. Acting extras could not be hired locally, as promised by Japanese production planners, and had to be brought in. Unforeseen expenses included English-language coaches for Japanese actors who were supposed to understand English already.

The Kobe earthquake on January 17 disrupted transport networks and added to the swelling costs."All in all, NBC was probably thankful for an excuse to cancel the whole thing, pack up and go home," another production assistant said.

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Lumière brothers take the credit as France honours fathers of cinema

Lumière brothers: first to project film on to screen

From Charles Bremner in Paris

FRANCE'S celebration of the centenary of the cinema reached a climax yesterday when a bevy of famous directors and state officials gathered at the factory in Lyons where the Lumière brothers recorded their first moving images on film on March 19, 1895.

Noon had been chosen as the symbolic moment of birth of the art of cinema because experts decreed it to be the instant when, 100 years ago, Louis and Auguste Lumière cranked up their motion-picture camera to capture the image of workers pouring out of their father's factory. The flickering pictures of men, women and children emerging into the sunlight were first shown publicly as part of a programme of ten 50-second films in the billiard room of the Grand Café in Paris in December 1895. *La Sortie des Usines Lumière* was also featured almost nonstop on television at the weekend as the film world hailed France's pre-eminence as the home of the cinema.

In Lyons, where the Lumière factory has just been decreed a historic monument, Jacques Toubon, the Culture Minister, and Bertrand Tavernier, the head of the celebrations, yesterday proclaimed the moment to be a key point in history. M Toubon, whose ministry pours large sums into the cinema industry, announced a grant of four million francs (£500,000) for the factory's restoration.

Some people have been quibbling with the date, pointing out that the Lumières always insisted they had made the film in the summer of 1894. March 19 was chosen because later evidence points to this month, and weather records showed it to have been the only day of sunshine in March 1895. The lavish official celebrations are helping to reinforce France's claim to be home to the cinema despite American insistence that Thomas Edison got there first.

Edison had demonstrated his Kinetoscope by the time the Lumières set to work on their project, drawing on some of the American's work. Their achievement was to devise a system for projecting the images which Edison was only able to display inside a box. The French insist that the real act of the cinema's birth was the first "collective projection".

With that in mind, the centenary of the Seventh Art should logically have been the first show to paying customers in the Salon Indien of the Grand Café. However, M Tavernier, president of the Lumière Institute, and his colleagues argue that December 28 is the centenary of the business side while they wish to to pay homage to *les auteurs*. The Lumières themselves failed to envisage the fortunes that would later go to the exploiters of their invention. Soon after patenting it in February 1895, they described it as a "scientific curiosity with no commercial possibilities". Their first efforts also escaped the attention of the Lyons newspapers.

As well as French *auteurs*, directors from America and around the world were on hand for yesterday's ceremonies, including Stanley Donen, Andrei Konchalovsky, and Stephen Frears. According to Charles Millon, the president of the Rhône-Alpes region, the Lumière workshop "is the bit that remains from the first image of the cinema and is thus a fragment of our collective identity".

As part of the ceremonies, M Toubon, who is sometimes known as Jack Allgood because of his crusade to save the French language from corruption by English, laid a transparent stone containing artefacts donated by famous cineastes. These included reels, letters and an original poster for *Singin' in the Rain*, Donen's classic.

The effort to celebrate France as the cradle of the cinema coincides with the Gaullist Government's rearguard drive in Brussels to persuade its European partners to accept tougher restrictions on the broadcasting of non-European films on television. At home, the public extravaganza has included Agnès Varda's specially commissioned and star-studded homage *The 100 years of Mr Cinema*. Schools have also been told to emphasise the anniversary. At one Paris kindergarten this week the annual fancy-dress day was devoted to the cinema and parents were advised to pick cartoon characters for their four-year-olds.

Europe seeks to soothe Moscow fears over Nato

From George Brock in Carcassonne

IN A move that foreshadows fresh transatlantic tensions over the expansion of Nato, European Union foreign ministers announced yesterday an informal agreement to work towards a "non-aggression" pact between Nato and Russia aimed at reducing Moscow's fears of a larger Western alliance.

The move to assuage Russian fears before a Nato decision on the subject is the most ambitious move EU ministers have yet made towards a joint foreign policy on an issue of such importance. Although Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said that EU and American thinking about Russia and Nato was identical, the decision is provoking American fears that European members of Nato are pre-empting decisions in the alliance. The weekend EU meeting in the French city of Carcassonne opened a week of East-West diplomacy designed to offer Russia incentives to repair its fractured relationship wth Nato. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, arrives in Paris today and meets Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, in Geneva later in the week.

Last December Mr Kozyrev abruptly refused to endorse documents making Russia a working member of Nato's Partnership for Peace programme; since then he has been working for a link with Nato which gives Russia a status above that of its neighbours in Central and Eastern Europe. Nato says, however, that Moscow cannot veto countries such as Poland from joining Nato.

Ministers emerging from a three-hour debate on Russia in Carcassonne gave different versions of the conclusions reached. Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister who chaired the meeting, said that the EU would work towards a non-aggression "partnership" or "agreement" with Moscow, but declined to define exactly what it might contain. Klaus Kinkel, of Germany, backed a less elaborate declaration or "charter" which fell short of being a treaty.

Kozyrev: he rejected Partnership for Peace

Mr Hurd said that "there was no decision about a charter, or a treaty or a non-aggression pact. That will be for Nato to decide." All that had been agreed, he said, was that Russia should be given regular and organised consultation with Nato countries. "That is very much in line with the thinking if the American Administration. I do not think that the Americans would in the least feel that we were jumping ahead of them," he added.

American officials are worried that French distaste for Nato will lead the European Union towards obstructing American hopes and plans for expanding Nato and perhaps deciding the first new memberships next year.

American sources in Brussels said that the creation of a European Union caucus inside Nato would impede agreement on how to reconcile reassuring the Russians and sheltering East European states under Nato's defence guarantees. "We thought that the Western European Union, not the EU, was the European pillar in Nato," one official said. "This is not what we had in mind at all."

American officials at Nato believe that a "non-aggression" agreement would be almost impossible to combine with Nato's eastward extension. They have suggested to Moscow an American-Russian "standing commission" modelled on a liaison body that existed during the Cold War.

Former minister lied to save Tapie

By Charles Bremner

THE once-charmed career of Bernard Tapie, the French tycoon politician, appears closer to extinction after the admission by another former minister that he lied to save him from the scandal over football bribery.

Politicians and the media voiced disgust yesterday over the acknowledgement by Jacques Mellick, an MP and Mayor of the northern town of Béthune, that he had perjured himself at the trial of M Tapie and five figures from the football world. M Mellick, a regional political boss who served in the last Socialist Government, was arrested on Saturday after a week of raucous court proceedings that included damning evidence against M Tapie.

A protégé of President Mitterrand, M Tapie is charged with bribing Valenciennes players to lose a 1993 match with Olympic Marseilles, to avoid tiring Marseilles players before the European Cup final which they won six days later. The trial, in Valenciennes, is seen not just as a study of the sleaze in big-time football but also as the calling-to-account of the showman-politician who was deemed a plausible presidential candidate only months ago. A Marseilles MP, M Tapie has been banned from seeking new office under the terms of a bankruptcy ruling.

In the first surprise in a trial that has been dominated by M Tapie's mix of bullying and bluster, the former manager of Olympic Marseilles reversed his earlier evidence and said the team owner had devised the whole scheme. M Mellick's perjury then provided what is seen as the coup de grace to M Tapie's campaign to depict himself as the innocent victim of a vengeful football establishment and the Gaullist-led Government.

The Mayor of Béthune had offered an alibi to M Tapie by claiming that he had visited him in his Paris office at exactly the time the Olympic Marseilles owner was alleged to have been offering cash to the Valenciennes coach to lie to investigators. M Mellick's story came unstuck when his assistant broke down in the court in Valenciennes on Friday and said he had forced her to lie about the Paris visit. M Mellick compounded his sins by sticking to the tale in impassioned evidence, only to abandon it on Saturday.

Politicians reacted to the lie angrily, saying that M Mellick had discredited parliament. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist presidential candidate, said he found it sad.

True to form, M Tapie spent the weekend insisting that he was innocent and that M Mellick's disgrace was simply "a passing incident".

Jacques Mellick, Mayor of Béthune, who admits he lied over the bribes scandal

Muslims held over general's murder

From Joel Brand in Zagreb

THREE Muslim Bosnian Army soldiers in the Government-held Bihac enclave have been arrested on suspicion of murdering a Bosnian Croat general who disappeared ten days ago.

General Vlado Santic commanded the Croat HVO forces in Bihac, who are fighting alongside the Bosnian Army against rebel Muslims backed by Serbs from neighbouring Croatia. He was last seen in a hotel bar on March 8, having a drunken argument with officers from the Bosnian Army. The Bosnian Croats, with their bretheren in Croatia, play an integral role in the clandestine trade that keeps many in Bihac alive and makes a few Croats, Serbs and Muslims rich. The group went outside, where shots were fired. General Santic has not been seen since.

Ramiz Bajramovic, Jasmin Topal and Ramiz Ruznic were ordered to be detained for 30 days while a military court investigates.

Yesterday, in another incident, Bosnian Serbs fired a mortar round at a French cargo aircraft landing at Sarajevo and missed it by only 50 yards, a United Nations official said, adding: "French peacekeepers returned ten rounds of 20mm cannon fire at the mortar positions."

Even without General Santic's apparent murder, the year-old bilateral federation which was meant to turn the tide of the war against the Serbs has fallen desperately short of expectations. The nearly year-long war between rebel Bosnian Croats and the mostly Muslim Bosnian Army, which ravaged much of the centre of the country, is long finished. But an end to the fighting has not brought automatic success to the federation, a union meant to unite the two factions against the Serbs.

The conspicuous absence on Thursday of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia from a commemoration ceremony in Washington, attended by President Tudjman of Croatia, hardly went unnoticed. Overshadowing that ceremony was the Croats' announcement that they were suspending relations with the Sarajevo Government over the General Santic incident.

The federation, signed into being a year ago in Washington, has evolved little in the past 12 months. Military cooperation, like everything else, has been limited to a few isolated cases where it has been immediately beneficial to both sides.

The Croats, who have military control over access routes to the central, Government-held, part of the country, demand high "taxes" from commercial, military and humanitarian aid convoys. By all accounts except their own, this is little more than highway robbery.

Russia's Chechen 'puppets' are despised on all sides

By Anatol Lieven

AS THE European Union moves to put the war in Chechenia on the back burner of international relations, the fighting appears to continue unabated. Russian planes were yesterday reported to have bombed Shali, headquarters of the Chechen separatist forces, and killed at least four civilians.

Last week President Yeltsin repeated his promise never to hold talks with General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen President, whom he called a gangster and said should stand trial for the murder of his people. Instead, Mr Yeltsin said, Russia would continue to support the "government of national revival" set up by Moscow under a provisional council with parts of the Chechen opposition.

On the ground, however, it seems highly unlikely that the "government" will be able to establish a stable authority in Chechenia. It appears to be despised not just by most Chechens, who see its members as quislings, but by its Russian masters. The council is a mixture of former members of the Soviet Chechen establishment and former allies of General Dudayev who split from him during a power struggle in 1993. It does not include Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former Russian parliamentary Speaker, who is by far the most popular Chechen opposition figure. Other anti-Dudayev leaders have also distanced themselves from the council, apparently in the belief that it will never be able to consolidate any authority.

In the opposition headquarters of Znamenskoye, in Russian-held northern Chechenia, a supporter of the council said that Russian troops had abused allies of the "government". "If you're an opposition member, they jeer at you as a coward, and ask you why you aren't fighting," he said.

In Grozny, the Chechen capital, the new provisional Mayor's office has been established by the Russians in a former research institute, the only key building in the city centre to have survived the war more or less intact. However, Russian officers do not hide their disdain for their Chechen "stooges". They complain that the "government" is deeply divided, corrupt and enjoys little authority among the people.

Opposition supporters in Grozny are caught between two dangers. They are as liable as anyone else to be beaten up or shot by the Russians. Several are also terrified of a possible terrorist campaign conducted by Chechen nationalists against pro-Russian "quislings".

The opposition is also in a difficult position psychologically. They hate General Dudayev, blame him for Chechenia's sufferings and support the Russian military intervention as a means of getting rid of him. However, they share their countrymen's pride in fighting for so long against overwhelming odds, and hate the Russian Army for its arrogance and oppression.

Sauli Niinisto, left, canvassing in Helsinki. Last night he conceded defeat

Helsinki coalition ousted

From Reuter in Helsinki

FINLAND'S opposition Social Democratic Party won yesterday's general election, ending the four-year rule of the centre-right coalition government.

With 37 per cent of votes counted, the SDP had won about 66 seats, making it easily the largest party in the 200-seat parliament. However, SDP leader Paavo Lipponen, the man expected to be Finland's new Prime Minister, will need the support of at least one other party to form a majority government. Mr Lipponen said negotiations with potential coalition partners would begin today. Sauli Niinisto, Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party, which formed part of the outgoing ruling coalition, conceded defeat.

Earlier opinion polls had predicted that the Social Democrats would regain their position as the country's biggest party with more than a quarter of the vote. Their main rivals, the Conservatives and the Centre Party, were running neck and neck at about 18 per cent. The election campaign had been unusually subdued as all the main parties agreed that big cuts in public spending were needed if the welfare state model was to be saved. Finland is just emerging from recession, but unemployment is still over 19 per cent and public debts have soared to more than 60 per cent of GNP.

All this led to a strange campaign. Instead of the usual promises, parties competed over who could present the most reliable public sector cutting programmes. The budget deficit and state debt will limit any government's room for manoeuvre.

Bonn gives warning to militants

From Reuter in Bonn

GERMANY promised yesterday to crack down on foreigners who import their violent political struggles into the country after firebombers attacked Turkish targets for the sixth consecutive night.

The police suspect that Kurdish militants, who are fighting Turkey for an independent homeland, were behind the attacks. "The Kurds are acting in a way we cannot accept," Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, said during a meeting with his European Union colleagues in France. He said Germany should provide better protection for Turkish property, adding that he expected Turkish leaders to raise the subject when he visits Ankara on Thursday.

Germany's Turkish community has been unsettled by the attacks, worrily eyeing the approach of tomorrow's Kurdish New Year, a traditional focus of guerrilla activity by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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BATH. How to kill off your popular radio character and find your own self again — Miriam Margolyes returns to the stage in **The Killing of Sister George**. Frank Marcus's much-loved play also stars Josephine Tewson, Serena Evans and Stella Tanner. Now on national tour prior to a run in the West End
Theatre Royal, Sawclose ♿ (01225 448844. Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Next week, Sheffield (0114 2769922).

GUILDFORD. Raquel Welch brings her much-publicised talents to the UK for a tour of **The Millionairess**, one of Shaw's most sparkling comedies. Richard Johnson and Roshan Seth play the foils to the woman of enormous willpower who inherits a "beggarly 30 millions". On its way to the West End.
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (01483 440000). Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Apr 1. ♿

BIRMINGHAM. The sensational salsa band **Como No** are back on home turf for a week of flat-out fun. They apparently had the audience doing the conga up and down Broad Street the first time they played at Scott's, so be prepared. Early booking recommended.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525). Tonight-Sat, from 7.30pm. ♿

LIVERPOOL: Jenny Seagrove and Hayley Mills take Richard Harris's thriller **Dead Guilty** on tour this week. Auriol Smith directs the tale of strange events and guilty secrets swirling around a traumatised accident victim.
Playhouse, Williamson Square (0151-709 8363). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Apr 15 ♿

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet
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☐ **BROKEN GLASS**: Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

☐ **CELL MATES**: Rik Mayall and Simon Ward play Bourke and Blake, in Simon Gray's disappointing play. Mayall has some good moments.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *ménage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm ♿

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **WHAT THE BUTLER SAW**: Joe Orton's farcical Freudian nightmare engagingly revived with John Alderton, Nicola Pagett and Richard Wilson.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

◩ **THE WINTER GUEST**. Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. ♿

◩ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL**: The masked swashbuckler rights wrongs, defies gravity and gives the audience a great time in a typically rumbustious Ken Hill show.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Final week. ♿

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

EDEN VALLEY (15): A father, a son, and harness racing. Raw slice of life from northeast England and the Amber Films collective
ICA Cinematheque (0171-930 3647)

IMMORTAL BELOVED (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. With Jeroen Krabbé and Isabella Rossellini, writer-director, Bernard Rose
Empire ♿ (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **I.Q.** (U): Albert Einstein steers his niece towards romance with an ordinary Joe. Overly cute comedy with Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau. Director, Fred Schepisi
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

LITTLE WOMEN (U): Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon and Gabriel Byrne. Director Gillian Armstrong
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426-915 683)

◆ **PRIEST** (15): Torment of a gay Catholic priest. Overwrought drama that still packs a punch. Antonia Bird directs
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **MGM Fulham Road** ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12): Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous. Director, Michael Apted.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **PRET-A-PORTER** (15): Surprisingly feeble if star-studded satire on the fashion world from Robert Altman.
MGMs: Fulham Rd ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE RIVER WILD** (12): Criminals imperil a family on their white water rafting holiday. Enjoyable action thriller, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ♿ (0800 888997)

Youthful perspectives

Guy Walters on an exhibition that shows the extraordinary range of children's creativity

The customary parental response to a child's latest work of art is a benign smile and an utterance along the lines of, "Yes, that's very good, darling. I couldn't possibly draw a tractor that well." The customary response from the offspring is, "It's not a tractor you philistine, it's a fire engine." The parent then feels embarrassed, and the child can revel in being a "misunderstood artist" at a precocious age. Secretly, parents may know that most of these works may be less than masterpieces, but their lack of objectivity is forgivable.

However, the parents of those who are presently exhibiting at The Photographers' Gallery have no need to display such subjectivity. The exhibition, *The Amazing Me*, is the result of a year's collaboration between the gallery and primary schools across the nation. It has been a fruitful relationship. The children have taken pictures that will make father and mother surrender the camera on the next family holiday.

PHOTOGRAPHY

One of the aims of the project was to encourage children to take self-portraits within their locality, and if the divisive business of prize-giving was to take place then the children of Ysgol Baladeulyn School in Snowdonia would walk away with first prize. The black-and-white images of the scenery, including mountains and slate quarries, at first appear to be purely landscape shots, but on closer inspection the children can be seen, nestling in their favourite hiding-places such as treehouses and abandoned cottages. The composition of these pictures is highly sophisticated.

Less subtle, but just as strong, are the photographs taken by the pupils of the Richard Atkins School in Brixton, south London. Their aim, similar to that of Ysgol Baladeulyn, was to capture themselves within their own community. Whereas the images taken by their Snowdonian peers suggest a certain tranquillity, those of the Brixton school are more energetic and less mannered; there is no doubt that these are urban children.

For Alec Leggat, one of the curators of *The Amazing Me*, the project reveals that "both ends of the age range are freer in their responses than those in between". "Whereas others suffer from peer pressure," he says, "the children are a lot more inventive and a lot less conventional."

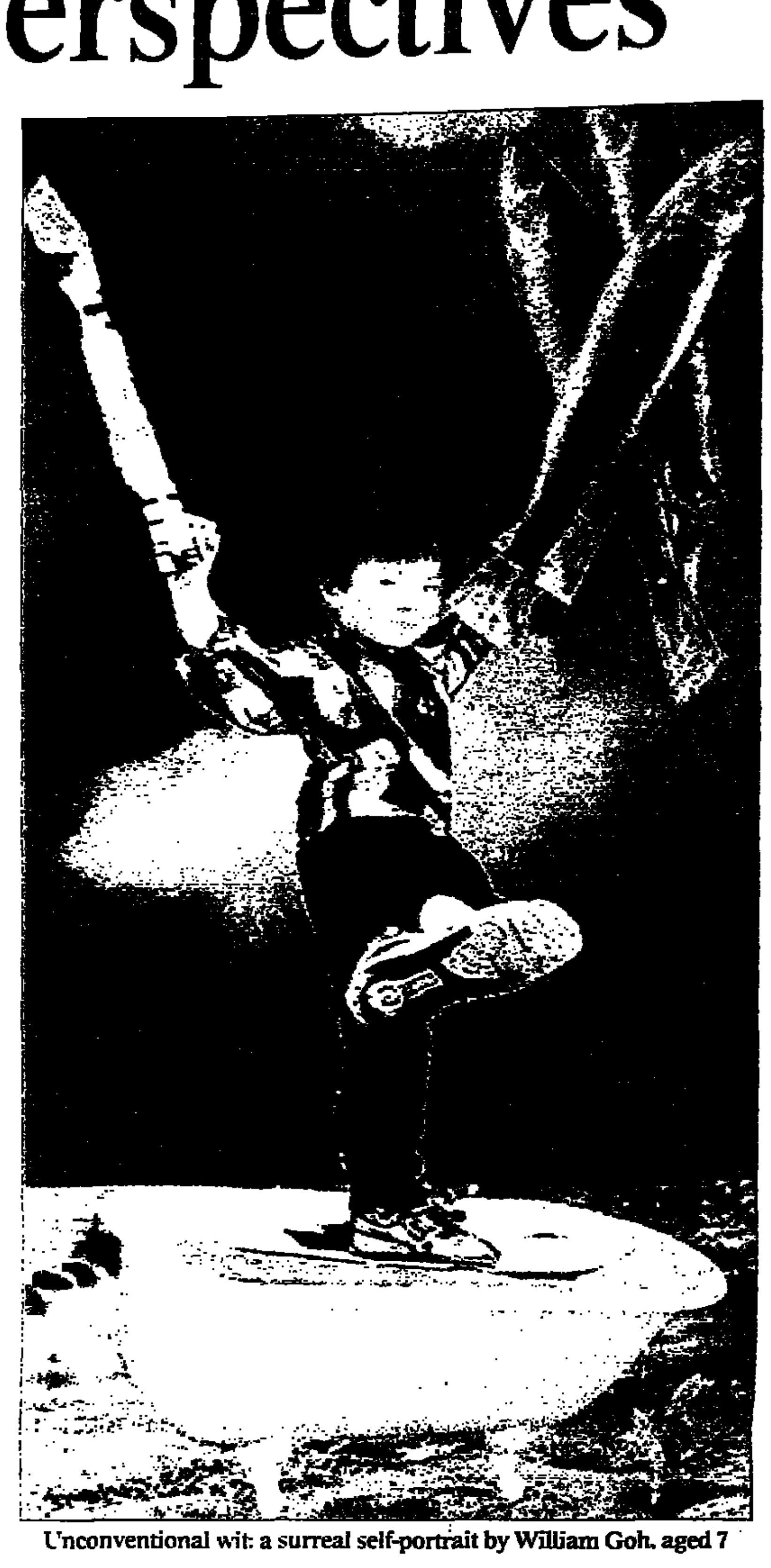
The pictures taken by children at the Park County School in Bristol and the Thomas Jones School in Ladbroke Grove, west London, confirm this — particularly the collage by seven-year-old William Goh from the latter. His image features him standing on a surfboard in a bathtub, one foot kicking towards the viewer, and his outstretched arms replaced by fish. The effect is certainly surrealistic and shows a great deal of unconventional wit.

Similar wittiness is displayed by ten-year-old Kelly Lupton from the Bristol school, in a work which shows her head bending over a basin, with a foreground magnifying glass revealing a head-louse. But the head-louse's own head has been replaced by her own, and perched on the bathroom shelf is a bottle of lice-killing lotion.

Besides these somewhat pop-arty collages there are also some strong colour portraits, taken by children from the Ben Jonson School and St Joseph's RC school, both in London. The portraits are taken in front of projections of various backgrounds such as a neon sign advertising a diner. The children were then taught to light, position and style themselves so that they merged convincingly with their backgrounds, and in the four examples on display, they have triumphed, particularly in the case of a young girl who looks every bit the grand duchess in her 18th-century drawing room.

However, the success of *The Amazing Me* will really depend on whether the children continue with their photography. If they don't, and the project merely marks a brief foray, it will be a pity. At the Richard Atkins School, only one boy immediately raised his hand when the question of further interest was put. But as any teacher knows, if a single pupil has taken it all on board, then the effort has definitely been worthwhile.

● The Amazing Me *is at The Photographers' Gallery, London WC2 (0171-831 1772) until May 6*



Unconventional wit: a surreal self-portrait by William Goh, aged 7

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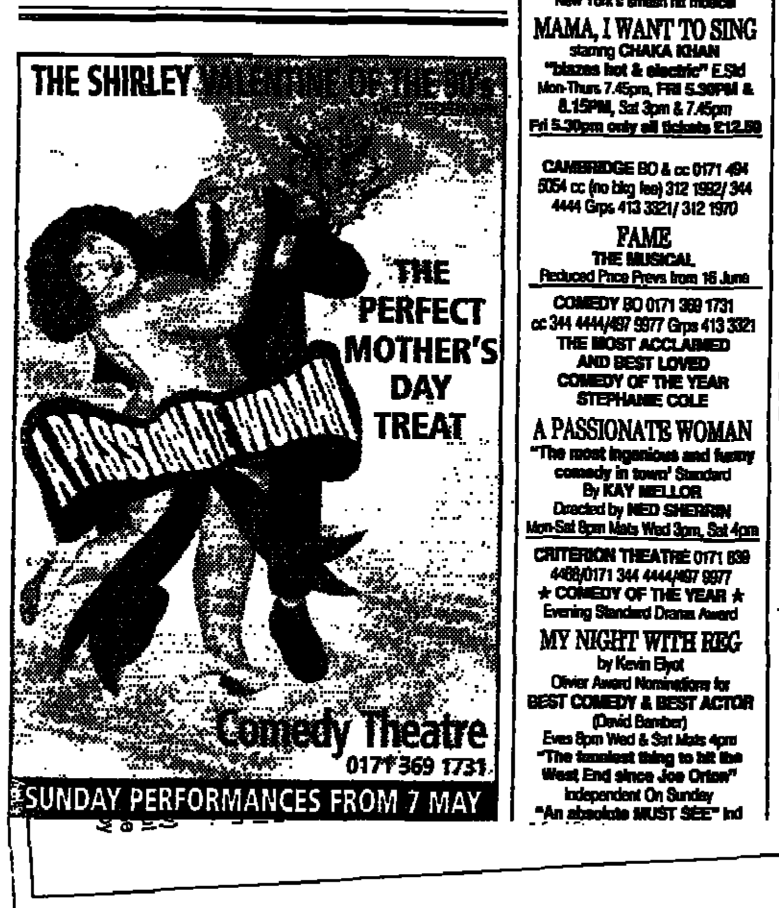

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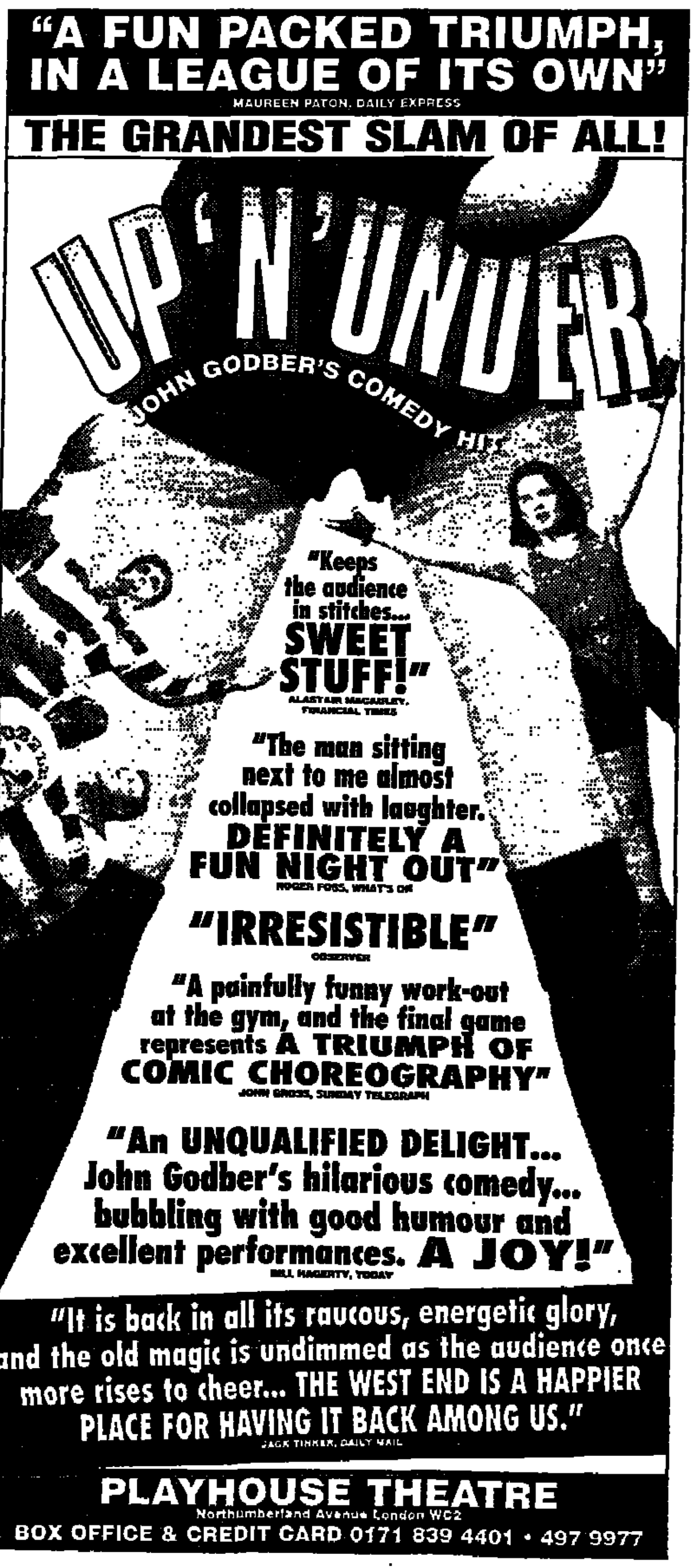

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Like the first time

ROCK

Foreigner/The Doobie Brothers
Wembley Arena

TIME was when either of these bands could have sold out Wembley. Not any more. With the back third of the 12,000-capacity arena screened off and most ticket holders yet to find their seats, the sight which greeted the Doobie Brothers was not encouraging.

Fancifully described in 1975 as "the hottest, richest, most influential rock 'n' roll heavyweights that ever fingered the frets of a Fender", the Doobies saw several big names pass through their ranks, notably Michael McDonald and Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, before splitting up in 1982. But although mob-handed with guitarists (three plus bass player), drummers (two) and others (keyboards, saxophone), the 1990s version was a little light on star appeal. It was left to founder members Pat Simmons and Tom Johnston to inject what personality they could into what was otherwise an anonymous team effort.

However, by the time they finished a string of their best-loved songs — *Long Train Running, China Grove* and *Listen To The Music* — the audience were on their feet, jigging about with surprising enthusiasm given their comparatively advanced years.

A band whose big but hollow sound defined the very concept of "arena rock" in the 1970s and early 1980s, Foreigner's tuneful yet muscular "adult-oriented" approach was a forerunner to the more agile heavy rock of latterday superstars such as Van Halen and Bon Jovi.

Of Foreigner's original line-up, only guitarist Mick Jones and singer Lou Gramm have returned to pick up the reins with this version of the band, reconstituted in 1992. Like cowboys who have been in the saddle too long, both Gramm (44) and Jones (51) displayed noticeably bow-legged physiques as they strode around the Wembley stage, dishing out a thunderous opening volley of *Double Vision, Head Games* and *Cold As Ice.*

Aided by a superlative light show, theirs was an old-fashioned display of throaty vocalese, crunching power chords and stiff poses. Not exactly slow, but never fast, they maintained a weighty momentum, which carried them through to a finale which included their biggest hit, the uncharacteristically sensitive *I Want To Know What Love Is.*

DAVID SINCLAIR

DANCE: **Richard Beeston** reports from Moscow on the confusion and corruption that is threatening the Bolshoi

IAN PARRY

Out of step with modern Russia: Yuri Grigorovich in better days, surrounded by dancers of the Bolshoi Ballet on stage in 1989. The tough and dedicated artistic director has been forced to resign his post

Ballyhoo at the ballet

On a Friday night in Moscow, before a packed house at the Bolshoi Theatre, dancer Valeri Gromov strode calmly on stage and announced to a hushed audience that the evening's performance of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* was cancelled. After months of bitter feuding within the Bolshoi over how to reform the ailing and demoralised theatre, the row had finally spilt onto the stage.

In its 219-year history, the Bolshoi Theatre has been burnt down, evacuated to the Volga during the Second World War and even forced to change the wording of operas to satisfy Stalin's whims, but it has never before turned away an audience. As bemused spectators, some of whom had flown in from Germany and others from Russia's provinces, filed dejectedly out of the imposing neo-classical theatre a damaging precedent had been set.

"We did not want to strike, but you have to understand the pressures that had been building up over the past nine months on all the performers," said Yuri Vetrov, the ballet director, who was one of 15 employees suspended in the wake of the one-night strike. "Everyone was ready for the performance, but just before they were due to start there was an impromptu meeting. There and then it was decided to cancel the performance."

The action had been triggered by the announcement on the previous day that Yuri Grigorovich, the ballet's artistic director and chief choreographer, was resigning under pressure from the management after a 30-year tenure. Aged 68, Grigorovich personified the tough and dedicated Soviet performing artist who helped to build the Bolshoi Ballet into a byword for technical mastery. At the height of his career in the 1960s and 1970s he turned the ballet into Russia's most prized cultural achievement.

But the country's subsequent political upheavals, and Grigorovich's stubborn refusal to accept the reforms sweeping Russia, rapidly eroded his life's work. The Bolshoi's most talented dancers were either lured away to the West for better-paid jobs or chased away by Grigorovich, whose dictatorial style inevitably clashed with his most promising stars. While the Bolshoi's standards began to fall, it was saddled with a huge and unproductive staff of more than 2,000 employees, many of whom depended for their future on Grigorovich. In the words of one Moscow columnist, the Bolshoi was "overstaffed, over-praised and over Grigorovich's dead body".

> ❛ We are crippled by bureaucrats, the mafia and chaos, but the show will go on ❜

To save the theatre, the authorities decided to act decisively last year. One reason for the urgency was the cancellation of a potentially lucrative tour to Britain — scrapped because of poor ticket sales, owing largely to the Bolshoi's critically disastrous performance the year before at the Albert Hall. President Yeltsin, not known for his cultural pursuits, intervened personally last year, ordering a system of contracts to reduce staff, attract back talented dancers and prevent another theatrical dictatorship. Last week he sacked Vladimir Kokonin, the Bolshoi Theatre's director-general, whose feud with Grigorovich was blamed by many for causing the era of stagnation at the theatre.

While Grigorovich and Kokonin may have been the main reason for the Bolshoi's decline, it is not yet clear whether their removal will necessarily pull the struggling theatre out of its deepening crisis. Vladimir Vasilyev, a former Bolshoi dancer chased out by Grigorovich, has been appointed the new artistic director, but his task in trying to reform a disgruntled and potentially hostile company will be enormous. Best remembered for his performance as Basil in *Don Quixote* and the title role in Grigorovich's own *Spartacus*, Vasilyev will require exceptional leadership skills to revive the Bolshoi's fortunes and lead it into the next century.

"To help the Bolshoi regain its reputation, many of Grigorovich's mediocre cronies will have to go and some younger talent will have to be promoted," said Gedeminas Taranda, another acclaimed dancer who was sacked by Grigorovich last year but would like to dance at the Bolshoi again. "It is not impossible but it will be tough."

In addition to purely artistic problems, the theatre is saddled with a double lawsuit between the company and the sacked strike leaders, which is likely to perpetuate the staff problems for the foreseeable future. Also, the theatre is hampered with problems common to many state-owned enterprises in modern Russia. The Bolshoi's management is crippled by a stifling bureaucracy. There are not enough funds to maintain the theatre and its offshoots. More importantly the foundations beneath the 19th-century building in the heart of Moscow have been eroded by an underground river and require urgent and costly repairs.

The scale of the problem is evident to anyone who strolls beneath the Bolshoi's towering pink facade. Although there is no sign of any structural damage, another kind of rot has clearly set in. The ticket kiosks, which supposedly sell the best seats in the house for a mere £3, are permanently sold out, while ticket touts can sell you any seat in the house for £30. One dancer explained that the mafia bought up all the tickets twice a day, and that somebody inside the theatre (he did not care to name him) was making a fortune out of the struggling institution.

"The Bolshoi is a very good symbol of Russia today," said Vladimir Kudryashov, an opera singer. "We have talented performers, an impressive history and one of the best venues in the world, but we are crippled by bureaucrats, the mafia and chaos. Still, I do not want the world to think we are finished. Somehow we will get by. The show will go on."

Italian rapscallions

THEATRE

Love is a Drug
Oxford Playhouse

MASKS with hooked beaks gleam like blackened bird skulls. Others boast great phallic noses. Below come baggy white costumes and slippers. Two lovers, like automata in puffy Elizabethan finery, ululate about their ardour, striking tragic poses with hankies. By the grave of the young lady who has not died from slugging back a potion, a servant slips on his master's doublet, coat hanger and all, and totters about hanging from an invisible hook. The thwack of slapsticks accompany the biffs and tumbling bodies. This is *commedia dell'arte* sprung to life.

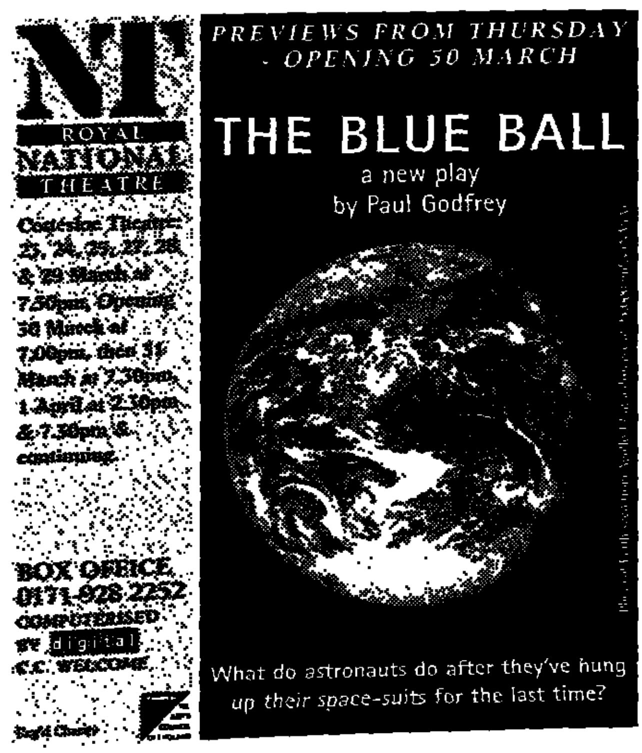
Antonio Fava is Italy's expert in the 16th century. The Oxford Stage Company has brought him over to instruct and improvise with a British cast. What emerges, ripe with farty sounds and bawdiness galore, is an evening of complete childishness and gob-smacking charm.

Fava's production provides itself with a safety net, a play-within-a-play framework something akin to *Noises Off*. The show presents *Love is a Drug* (from the antique commedia scenario *La Creduta Morta)* on a rostrum, as a marketplace performance by an iffy troupe scuffling for the limelight. This doubles the humour even if it does not stop the plot — something like a collision of *Romeo and Juliet, Don Giovanni* and *Cinderella* — descending into chaos. The whole is less than the sum of its parts.

But the parts are brilliant. The cast are acrobatic and absurdly funny. Jonathan Coyne's braggart, posed for a romantic loll, launches himself up on to the edge of the rostrum and plops out of sight. Andrew Frame's Pantalone scampers about decrepitly, in scarlet gown and crestfallen hat, like a miserly Santa Claus turning into a turkey. William Lawrance's Jonathan-Miller-style lover moves in melodramatic zigzags as if plagued by magnets. And Lisa Turner is breathtakingly liberated as the lunatic Isabella, burbling away like a medieval stand-up and lurching about like a randy, heavy-metal Rhinemaiden.

The teenage audience, who turned up looking like trouble, burst into spontaneous, wolf-whistling applause.

KATE BASSETT



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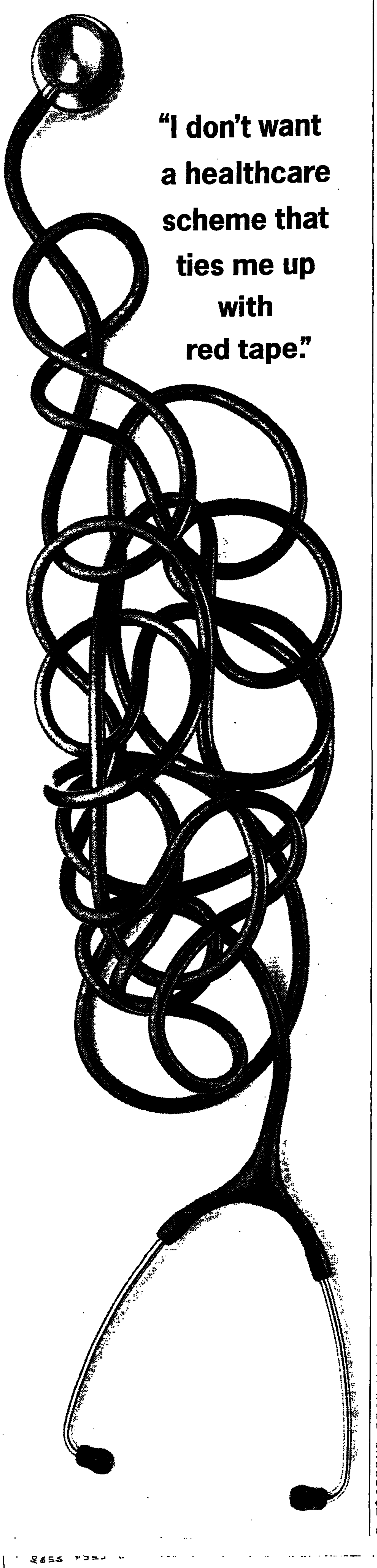

Debris threatens satellites ☐ Burglars raid Darwinian shrine ☐ Egyptologist's boat theory

Space race to destruction

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

THE human capacity to foul its nest is apparently limitless. The latest region to suffer is outer space which, according to some Italian researchers, may already have gone past the point of no return.

If they are right, within a century or so putting a satellite into orbit will mean passing through a veritable shooting gallery of objects large enough to spell destruction. In the case of unmanned spacecraft this would be an expensive inconvenience, but for manned craft it could make space flight too hazardous to contemplate.

The analysis depends on a process in which the bigger objects already in orbit — spacecraft, discarded rocket bodies and the like — are broken down into ever smaller particles by a series of collisions among themselves. The process converts a population of a few large objects, which are sufficiently thinly spread not to be much of a concern, into a much larger number of smaller bodies still capable of penetrating and destroying satellites.

The Italian team, from the University of Pisa, explained the argument in the *Journal of Geophysical Resarch*. If you start with initial populations in space of about 900 small objects weighing about five grams each, and about 300 large objects weighing about a ton each, the process causes the number of smaller particles to grow exponentially to more than ten million in about 50 years, which in turn increases the rate at which the larger bodies are destroyed.

Eventually, the population of the smaller bodies in near-Earth orbit rises to the point where there are so many of them that any newly-introduced satellite can expect to be broken up within a decade or so. That doesn't sound too bad, but given the number of satellites in space it could mean that one was being completely destroyed every month or two, and many more effectively disabled.

Looking even further into the future, things would improve, as the small objects were smashed into dust too small to do damage, which would eventually burn up — but that could take several hundred years, and meanwhile we would be adding fresh fuel in the form of new satellites.

The analysis suggests that there is now sufficient material in stable orbits about 600 miles up to break into several tens of millions of ten-gram particles. So is the catastrophe already inevitable? Dr Alan Harris of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, is not sure.

It depends, he explains in an article in *Nature*, on the assumptions you make about how easy it is to smash an old satellite or rocket body into small pieces. Satellites, being metal, are not the same as rocky asteroids, which might be expected to break up fairly easily. While this does not alter the ultimate result, it does change the timescale, taking 500 years rather than 50 to reach dangerous numbers of small fragments in space.

Although Dr Harris is sanguine, the long-term answer must be to stop littering space with junk, and perhaps to start thinking about recovering some of the larger objects.

Darwin's haul

IF YOU are offered a chance to buy a set of miniatures of Charles Darwin's family in the next few weeks, don't hesitate — ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

On March 8 a burglar broke into the Darwin Museum at Down House, near Sevenoaks in Kent, and got away with almost £30,000-worth of stuff, including personal effects of Charles Darwin.

Down House is the place where the great evolutionist lived and quietly plotted his revolution. An excellent place to visit, it is in urgent need of restoration, according to the Natural History Museum. The items lost include furniture with no obvious Darwin connection, ceramics, works of art and miniatures, including portrait medallions of scientists. Meanwhile, the museum needs to raise at least £1.5 million by November for its restoration plans.

Pharaoh afloat

IN 1954 the remains of a boat made of cedar were found near the Great Pyramid of Giza, tomb of King Cheops, in Egypt. Now, thanks to the enthusiasm of an American Egyptologist, a model of the 4,000-year-old craft has been tested in a water tank in New York.

The question was whether the graceful boat was really intended for this world, or the next. Dr Bob Brier of Long Island University decided to find out. With colleagues from the university he created a plan of the original vessel, now to be found in the museum at Giza.

Then carvers created a seven-foot model of the boat out of pine and glue, including a dozen tiny oars. The model was tested on February 23 in a tank at the Webb Institute in Glen Cove, New York. Did it float? It certainly did.

"We pulled it through the water several hundred times under different conditions," Dr Brier told *Science*. Though not designed for sea journeys because the low-riding craft would have been swamped, he concluded that it would have served perfectly well as a river boat. "It is an elegant, beautifully-designed craft, with wonderful properties in the water."

The most striking thing about the test was that the boat left little wake, causing naval architects to marvel. The chances are that it may have been used for a single voyage, carrying the pharaoh's body silently through the water to burial. Dr Brier doubts it could have done more than that, because the original was lashed together by ropes which would not have lasted long.

PETER VAN DE BUNT

Live turtles in Indonesia pinned by the flippers to immobilise them. The country slaughters thousands every year

Have we killed the giant turtle?

Prized for its valuable shell and meat, an ancient ocean creature may soon be extinct.

Jo Andrews reports

One of the ocean's most beautiful and ancient creatures, the turtle, may not survive more than another 30 years. Scientists believe extinction is now a real possibility because of man's seemingly insatiable desire to turn the turtle into ornaments, soup, traditional medicines, satay and omelettes.

Sue Miller, biodiversity officer with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Sprep), an organisation set up by governments in the area, says: "If we go on as at present, most turtle species will have died out by early next century." That is a perilously short time left for an animal that has been around for more than a hundred million years.

The Pacific is home to the world's last great concentration of turtles. Populations in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean have already been severely cut, but even in the vast, largely uninhabited Pacific region, turtles are in trouble.

In French Polynesia there has been a 90 per cent drop since the 1970s in Green Turtles going ashore to nest; in Australia, an 80 per cent drop in nesting Loggerhead Turtles in the past ten years. Scientists also think there are now no more than a few hundred breeding Hawksbills, the turtle most prized for its decorative shell.

So worried are the South Pacific nations that they have declared 1995 the Year of the Turtle — the first time they have joined forces on a conservation issue.

Turtles can live as long as 100 years, and do not start breeding until they are 20 or 30 years old. So those around today are, in part, a reflection of the turtle "harvest" in the 1960s, when today's turtle parents were born. And it will be 20 or 30 years before the full effects of today's far higher killing rates become apparent.

One of the curious characteristics of these antediluvian creatures is that they return to nest only on the beach on which they were born. But 30 years on, they find that many of the isolated beaches on which they hatched have been developed for tourism. There, unable to lay their eggs, they die without reproducing.

Ms Miller is optimistic that the turtle can be saved. "It is not too late. We need to educate people on the Pacific islands to take fewer turtles, to question whether they really need to kill them, and above all we need to stop the slaughter of turtles prompted by tourists from the developed countries."

The main offender is probably Indonesia, particularly Bali. The Indonesians kill between 30,000 and 50,000 turtles a year to satisfy tourist demand. As a result turtles have not been sighted off Bali for several years, so the fishing boats go further into the Pacific for the catch. The turtles are brought back alive and kept for weeks in watery stockades, exhibited for Europeans, who are encouraged to ride them. Then, pinned through the flippers, they are slung on bamboo poles, and transported to back-street slaughterhouses, there to be laid on their backs and gutted while still alive. The meat is made into stew and satay, the eggs into omelettes, the shells are worked into ornaments: none of which is illegal.

International trade in turtles, however, is banned under the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) legislation. So any tourist who takes a turtle product back home to Europe, America, Australia or Japan *is* breaking the law. The customs warehouses of Auckland, piled to the ceiling with hundreds of tortoiseshell items, bear witness to the inadequacy of the law to protect the turtle.

Rob Suisted, of New Zealand's Conservation Department, says: "This is a matter of ignorance, not a matter of people deliberately trying to break the law. Most simply have no idea the turtle is protected. They must be educated."

The Year of the Turtle aims to to do just that. Ms Miller says: "The only thing that will stop the slaughter of turtles in Bali and other exotic holiday destinations is for the tourists themselves to refuse to eat turtle meat or to buy tortoiseshell ornaments.

"We have to tell the Pacific people their turtles are unique. Once they are gone, they won't be replaced." She emphasises that they are not asking islanders on subsistence diets to give up turtle meat completely, but to reconsider their practices.

The campaign has scored its first success. Fiji recently said it would ban commercial trade in turtles for a year and Sprep wants other island nations to follow suit. Conserving turtles can work only as a co-operative effort because they migrate up to two thousand miles across the Pacific to breed, passing through the waters of several countries.

As Noah Idechong, a marine resources officer from the island state of Palau, says: "What is the point in our protecting turtles for them to be caught by the Indonesians?" Sadly, Indonesia is not part of this campaign.

In Tahitian mythology, the turtle is a messenger from the gods. In the next few years, it is a line of divine communication that may cease to exist.

Science puts on a revealing show

A week of exhibits will offer a feast of scientific knowledge

Commuters arriving at Euston station this week are in for a surprise. Among the familiar racks of ties and socks they will find a newcomer called "Genes Are Us". No, not a frightful sartorial pun about British Rail's commercial ambitions, but an invitation on behalf of the Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Trust to a lively exhibition that tells the story of how our genes make us what we are. As an added bargain, if the evening train is delayed, commuters can drop in and learn how to fingerprint their DNA.

This is just one of hundreds of scientific exhibits and demonstrations that are dotted all over the country this week as part of "SET95", the national week of science, engineering and technology.

The idea was floated two years ago by the British Association for the Advancement of Science. It stemmed from increasing concern about the state of British science. A declining number of children wished to study science at school and university, government support for research was falling and, as judged by the output of research papers, Britain seemed to be slipping behind its competitors. And science was getting a bad press. Barely a day passed without a story of the dire consequences of meddling with our genes or trying to understand the origins of the universe.

The concerns of the association were not misplaced. Many of our problems stem from our scientific illiteracy. This was highlighted last week by the way in which our media and politicians dealt with the sad case of child B, the young girl with leukaemia. Much of the confusion, ill-informed comment and distress to her family and doctors could have been avoided by an awareness of what modern medical science can — and cannot — deliver.

Such thoughts as these stimulated the association to add a new festival to its already extensive programme for the public appreciation of science. The first venture of this kind, SET94, attracted thousands of schoolchildren to exhibits all over the country. To judge by the richness and diversity of the fare that is described in its 48-page programme, SET95 will be even better.

Encouragingly, although London and the leading university cities offer a scientific feast, some of the most eye-catching events are to be found elsewhere. In Middlesbrough, for example, Helen Sharman, Britain's first woman astronaut, will talk about her experience of being in space. Other offerings include an introduction to the mysteries of haemophilia "Blood, Glorious Blood" (Canterbury), "Gulp", a performance about water, weather and water conservation (Woodbridge), and "Bugs in Your Bed" in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Our schoolchildren must be introduced to the notion that science, as well as being enormous fun and a rewarding career, is very much a part of their day-to-day lives. What better time to start than this week?

SIR DAVID WEATHERALL

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CHRIS HARRIS

Jennifer Laing with new power haircut: "I honestly had my hair cut short because I felt like it," she says. "I was not trying to make a statement"

Superwoman's back

Saatchi's has lured back the boss it was once forced to give a Ferrari. Julia Llewellyn Smith reports

Jennifer Laing, the new chairman of Saatchi's, is late. Which gives me plenty of time to survey my surroundings: plate-glass electronic doors; taupe and pastels; women striding around in leather trousers; a beautiful black receptionist singing "Good afternoon, Laing Henry".

Laing's office is an elegant goldfish bowl: white leather swivel chair, mammoth television set, baskets of Interflora flowers, accompanied no doubt by toadying congratulations and — aha — that oh-so-1990s personal touch, a huge slice of lemon meringue pie on the glass table. "It's to wind Jennifer up," confides her secretary. The boss loves her food.

> 'Women can't have it all. It angers them but it's true'

More important, however, is the red plastic Ferrari nestling in the bookcase. This is no executive toy. It is advertising shorthand, an instant reminder to wavering clients and stroppy creative directors that they are dealing with an industry legend. This is Jennifer Red-Ferrari Laing, the woman who, in 1981, declared that nothing less would lure her back to Saatchi's. By 1987 she was joint chairman.

Yet the following year she gave back her car keys for a more subtle status symbol: her own agency. Aspect Hill Holliday, a loss-making company that ranked 65th in the British league table. In 1990 she and her partner, Max Henry, renamed it Laing Henry. Despite the timing ("the start of the worst recession ever") they promoted the Wales Tourist Board, Wimpey Homes and Müller Light yoghurts, and boasted a £98,000 post-tax profit by 1994.

But now the prodigal daughter is returning. On Monday Saatchi's announced that Laing is back with a £175,000 salary to sweep up the mess left by January's ousting of Maurice Saatchi, who departed with three senior managers, 14 staff and the big US account holder, Mars. The news has been greeted rapturously; the feeling, say insiders, is that mother has returned to comfort her children.

And here is the saviour of British advertising, swooping through the door in a khaki mac and a crackle of energy. "I'm so sorry," she cries. "But my client was 40 minutes late for lunch, so what do you do?" Bustle, bustle as Laing derobes and settles herself on the cream sofa. She is a tall, beaky-faced live-wire, who could do — as she admits several times — with losing a stone. She is dressed for success in black and white, with a bouncy mop of grey hair. Until recently her locks were long and flowing. "Yes, yes," she says ruefully. "My power haircut."

Poor Laing. She made her name selling the mythology of the perfect lifestyle. Now she is being hoisted by her own clichés of career women. "I honestly had my hair cut short because I felt like it," she says. "I was not trying to make a statement." She cheerfully admits to lying about her age ("I'm sticking to 46") and says later: "I really ought to exercise. I feel perfectly fit and well but I really ought to." Why? Because your clients (the Deparment of Health is one) demand that message? "Ha, ha. Fair comment."

But she manipulates images if they suit. Take the Ferrari. "Oh, that was just a symbol," she says. "An assertive, conspicuous symbol of success. Totally inappropriate to life in the 1990s. Awful really." Her welcome-back present is a Lexus (Toyota is an esteemed Saatchi client). "It's perfect for now, top of the range, environmentally friendly."

Laing uses such adspeak all the time, burbling infectiously about markets, consumers, cultures and brand leaders. The last is the rank Saatchi's holds in the advertising world. "I am going to make absolutely sure that's the place it stays. It will continue to pioneer those enduring creative ideas, and it will make incredibly sure that the remaining clients — and there are 100 of them, by the way — stay loyal."

Like any workaholic, Laing dislikes the tag, although she would have got nowhere without it. "I have a partner who I like to see sometimes, and I really do try to have time to myself at weekends. Holidays? I'm not very good at them. Long weekends are the name of the game these days."

There are no regrets. This is a happy woman, a woman who rightly resents whispers about lack of children and her marriage that failed because she was never there. "Women can't have it all," she maintains. "It makes people very cross but it's true. I suppose my problem starts with the notion I'm successful, because I have a top job. Well, I do because I have more hours to commit to it than women who have children. It doesn't make me more successful than other women, I'm successful on different terms." And so she deserves to be judged, although to do so might demand a certain scepticism while we are bombarded by her advertisements.

How to make films and influence people

Valerie Grove on the style of the producer behind *The Madness of King George*

When Stephen Evans, stockbroker turned film producer, first got into the film and theatre business he kept committing *faux pas*. He thought you could tell playwrights frankly what you thought of their new play when it wasn't praise.

He told John Mortimer how much he had liked *Otherwise Engaged* (by Simon Gray). And the night he first got through to Ken Branagh he went to the house of a friend in Chelsea and drank a bottle of Bollinger before discovering he was in the wrong house: 51 Eaton Place instead of Eaton Terrace.

His languid voice and amiable manner charmed Branagh, and so did his willingness to summon up large sums of money. Luckily this was before Black Monday in 1987 and Evans was feeling flush with City deals. At first he wanted only to send Branagh to the Edinburgh Festival; but Branagh's ambition winkled out of him £60,000 for *Twelfth Night* at the Riverside, and then the backing for the film of *Henry V*. "What the hell, I thought."

Evans, who lives just off Eaton Square with his wife and two sons, was born in Luton, Bedfordshire, the son of schoolteachers, in 1946. After a nice ordinary childhood, he read politics and economics at Reading University. Then he met a stockbroker in a pub and so impressed him with his golf that he was offered a job. At 30 he fell in with David Wickens of British Car Auctions.

What he learnt from mixing with Wickens is how much can be achieved by showing a bit of style and getting on with people. "How you go to Nashville in the Wickens way: you have a long lunch at the Savoy, get the 6pm Concorde, check into a penthouse suite in New York, then take a private jet to Nashville. So when people say, 'Don't you find the film business glamorous?' I say no, not compared with my life with dear old Wickens." *Henry V* lost a couple of million, but *Much Ado* was a hit. After "young Ken" went off to do *Frankenstein*, Evans took over the Renaissance Theatre Company with David Parfitt. By then he had also made a deal with Alan Bennett and Nick Hytner to make *The Madness of King George*.

He flew, Wickens-style, to New York to see the play, and got the backing of Channel 4 and Sam Goldwyn with a "my word is my bond" handshake. With Bennett and Hytner he set up a one-off company called Mad George films. The budget was £10 million but it will make them all rich.

Now he is making deals with Sam Mendes and Stephen Daldry. He wants to film *Daniel Deronda*. He is talking to Michael Holroyd about a film about Augustus John. All the British film industry lacks, he says, is chutzpah and drive — "We've got the writers, the actors, the directors, the cameramen." Today he flies to New York to see Tom Stoppard's *Habgood*, to which Stockard Channing has the film rights.

Evans: broker turned producer

He likes zipping about, finding out who is hot. It makes his dinner-party conversation much more amusing than when he was in the City. On the other hand, he says, things are now so exciting in the Square Mile that there is a big, expensive film to be made about men and women in suits in 1995: "Risk, Lloyd's, Barings, derivatives; who loses money; who commits suicide; who commits adultery; who commits crime.

"Whoever does that film first is on to a winner." Needless to say he has writers working on it.

Black-tie charity bashes bring in the money, but I'd pay more to have a quiet night in

Blushing over charity's dirty work

LIBBY PURVES

IF YOU admire those who break records and push back frontiers, then salute Jeremy Beadle: he has managed to be too vulgar for the Duchess of York. After his appearance as MC of a bingo game at last week's Children in Crisis dinner, the TV japester has apparently been moved to apologise to the royal one.

When he told all the men to stand on chairs and drop their trousers if they wanted to win a trip on the Orient Express, explains Mr Beadle, it was a "spur of the moment" impulse. He is sorry if the resulting mass de-bag embarrassed the Duchess. Actually, the photographs appear to show her roaring with laughter, even though an organiser observed to the press that perhaps "in an ideal world, the man sitting next to the Duchess would not have dropped his trousers". The only lady on the record as being shocked is, er, Ivana Trump. She calls it "distasteful behaviour". Which makes her sound like a duchess; except, of course, that the real Duchess was laughing.

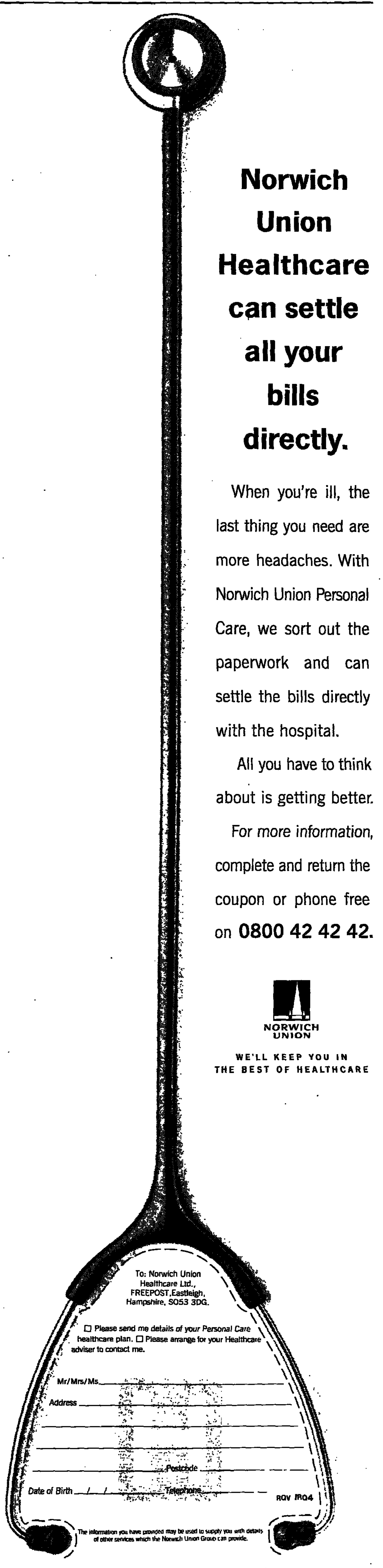
Fergie, trousers, Beadle, bingo . . . why am I wasting your time with this trashy tale? Ah, because it was for charity. It raised £36,000. Among the bewildered onlookers was the mayor of a Polish village where children will benefit from the bash. What will he tell those distant innocents, do you think, about the night in the historic Merchant Taylor's Hall in the great City of London, when good people in unimaginably expensive clothes unbuttoned their flies for royalty, all to serve the poor?

These black-tie charity events, even when the trousers stay hoisted, have now brought me to such a pitch of embarrassment that I can barely speak. The spectacle of rich people having expensive larks for "charity" reduces me to whimpering. While nobody actually uses the legendary City grace — "Lord, bless us who feast while others starve" — it haunts all such proceedings. Occasionally, if the cause concerns something which might benefit even the diners — say medical research, or the RNLI — it is bearable. When the cause is real deprivation, the very prawns in the cocktail seem to curl up in protest.

On charity committees, they now know my limitations. I am as enthusiastic as anybody else for neighbourhood fork suppers, hunger lunches, tin-rattling, the badgering of business sponsors and endless fundraising silliness with kites or rafts; but the ball sub-committee must do without me. Nor am I any good at that very British task of persuading fat-cats seeking social cachet to pay extra for a guaranteed introduction to the royal patron. People do: in the hard-nosed world of professional charity, a personal smirk from the Princess of Wales has a definite price tag. Cringe, shrivel, blush!

Yet these things do make money. Dirty work, but someone's got to do it: my cringing is only cowardice. The dimsal fact is that while widows and pensioners may cheerfully put their mite in the collecting tin out of pure altruism, to extract money from the socialite rich you need bait. Maybe there should be a circular to people like me:

"Send £75 to our charity, and receive a ticket to eat quietly with your own friends on a night of your choice. For £100, we guarantee that you will not be joined by Ivana Trump, Fergie, or Jeremy Beadle." I'd pay.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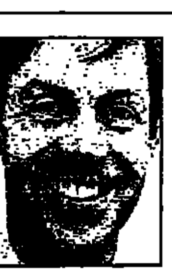


■ National Lottery logic is simple: you cannot win if you do not play; if you do not play, you cannot lose

My thanks, and those of millions of my countrymen, to Heritage Secretary Stephen Dorrell for bringing into our lives a little joy, once a week. Ten minutes to eight each Saturday evening has become a new date in our diaries. It really is a stroke of genius. To have combined the spreading of so much happiness with a scheme which actually enriches the Treasury, and diverts hundred of millions of pounds to marvellous causes like English National Opera, the Royal Ballet and other leisure activities which the upper middle classes enjoy but cannot be expected to pay for, deserves all our thanks. Raising a glass to Mr Dorrell, I sat back last Saturday to savour the moment: that reliably merry moment when a large number of Britons become a little richer, and a small number of us become a great deal richer. Each one of us knows, with a security based upon simple arithmetic, that we should win, and roughly how much.

Who are we, you ask — we millions, confident of our profit, who can read the future?

We are the people who have not bought tickets for the National Lottery. We never do. We are all sorts of people, people in every walk of life, quite unacquainted with one another, but united in the certain knowledge of this: that to the end of our days — come rain or shine, sickness, health, good fortune or ruin — there is one thing we will never do. We will never, in any conceivable circumstance, buy a ticket for the National Lottery.

So far, I have won about £200 from not buying a ticket in the National Lottery. This is because I could easily afford a £5 wager or more every week and, had I bought tickets regularly since the lottery started, would have laid out more than £200, won a little of it back, and ended up in debit to roughly that amount. A handful of my fellow citizens would have wagered much more, and lost much more, and can therefore raise their glass to the TV screen in gratitude for even greater savings.

Millions of my countrymen are not so lucky. They would only have been able to afford about £1 per week, would overwhelmingly not have recouped any of that yet, and are therefore only about £20 richer for not having joined the scramble. Still, that's a modest meal out for two.

Nor do our winnings stop there. For because of this marvellous institution which we are refraining from patronising, a new source of funding has been found, much of it from the poor, for benefits which we taxpayers would otherwise have been asked to fund. Don't believe the lies about these lottery funds being "extra" for the arts. If you were Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Arts Minister asked you for an increase in the next spending round, would you really ignore the fact that the lottery had just opened a cornucopia of new funding for him? So the lottery has enriched us relative to our gambling compatriots. Here is a tax avoidance scheme which anyone can join.

I intend to give my own £200 winnings to the West Derbyshire Conservative Association, in gratitude for the achievements of the Tories over the past 16 years. For has there ever been a time in British history when the middle classes were so secure? Baroness Thatcher has murdered socialism and John Major has buried it. The government-in-waiting, presumably Mr Blair's, could not and does not even wish to reverse any of these changes. All Mr Blair wants is to be Prime Minister, and if we will let him he promises in return to destroy the Labour Party — or anything remotely recognisable as such.

He has begun already. We can look forward to an era in which taxes are low, our assets secure, our lifestyle unthreatened, and in which no serious political party represents the poor . . . and, to cap it all, the underclass will pay for English National Opera! Jonathan Swift could never have contrived so fantastic a plot.

> I raise my glass to those millions of abstainers who still believe in arithmetic

Here in Derbyshire my lodger, who is unemployed, keeps a cat, Tess. In a little jar she has been putting aside £1 per week in case Tess should ever fall ill and she should be unable to pay for the vet. Tess is sitting on the sofa as I type.

What this cat does not know is that last week her mistress raided the vet's jar to buy a ticket for the National Lottery. On Saturday she learnt that she had not won.

I reach out to scratch Tess under her chin, where she likes it. She purrs. My darling Tess, would it comfort you to know that should sickness strike, the vet prove too costly and the jar empty, your sacrifice has purchased at least one millisecond of the latest performance of *Swan Lake*?

There's a glass of wine left in that bottle I purchased with the £5 I didn't spend on the lottery this week. I raise it to Mr Dorrell and his wonderful invention, to my lodger and her failed mathematical reasoning, to those millions of abstainers who still believe in arithmetic, to the next conservative government of whichever party, and to you, Tess. Your very good health!

Of the world's most powerful leaders, only Helmut Kohl exceeds the John Major standard

World leaders in mediocrity

William Rees-Mogg

There was a terrible period in my childhood when the world was governed by an extraordinary collection of criminal lunatics and time-serving inadequates — the Nazis in Germany, the Bolsheviks in Russia, an Imperialist clique in Tokyo, Mussolini in Rome, the national Government under Ramsay MacDonald in Britain, and a succession of cigarette-stained French prime ministers. Even in that dark period one could look to Washington where, from 1933 onwards, Franklin Roosevelt stood out as a leader who was both sane and strong. It was not until Winston Churchill became Prime Minister in 1940 that Roosevelt had a companion.

Nowadays the inadequacy of the world's leaders is almost equally striking, although it is their mediocrity which is remarkable rather than the hellish evil of a Hitler or Stalin. If one takes the Group of Seven countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada — and adds Spain and the great powers of China and Russia, one cannot see any great leader. There is no Roosevelt in Washington, and no sign of a Churchill emerging in Britain.

The British have a Prime Minister who is unfortunately the most unpopular in the history of opinion polls. His party would lose any early election by a landslide; his foreign policy has left Britain almost isolated both from the major European powers and from the United States; parts of the British economy may go into the next recession without ever having recovered from the last one. Yet of these ten world leaders, John Major is probably one of the better. He may be limited but he is honest. He is well-intentioned, he is no fool, he is serious, he masters his brief. He has learnt in office; Britain is not led by a man who is either a crook or a coward. That may not be enough, but it is more than some of the other leading nations can now claim.

Indeed, one could usefully apply the John Major standard to the rest of the world leaders. It would not bring Britain out as the pre-eminent nation. When Samuel Johnson published his *Dictionary* after the 40 members of the French Academy had failed over decades to produce their projected French dictionary, the great actor David Garrick wrote an epigram:

Talk of war with a Briton, he'll boldly advance
But one English soldier will beat ten of France:
Would we alter the boast from the sword to the pen,
Our odds are still greater, still greater our men
. . . And Johnson, well-arm'd like a hero of yore,
has beat 40 French, and will beat 40 more.

We cannot reasonably claim that one John Major is worth ten Edouard Balladurs, let alone 40, but one can apply the character test: would you let this man marry your daughter, supposing he were free, that she wished to take him for her lawfully wedded husband, and that she was prepared, in the old-fashioned way, to accept paternal or maternal advice? Boris Yeltsin, the alcoholic victor of Grozny, as a son-in-law? Surely not. Bill Clinton, that morally disadvantaged Rhodes scholar? You must be joking. Tomiichi Murayama, half turncoat, half nonentity? One would scarcely welcome it. Felipe González, the Spanish matinée idol now declining into a slew of accusations of murdering Basques, employing corrupt ministers and genocide against Newfoundland fish? Not for any well-brought-up daughter. Nor do I think most young women would be taken with the idea of marrying whoever may turn out to be Deng Xiaoping's successor. China still has too big a democratic deficit.

For anything I have heard to the contrary, a responsible parent would have no reason to forbid the banns to Jean Chrétien of Canada, Edouard Balladur — almost the ideal son-in-law — John Major himself, Lamberto Dini or Helmut Kohl. Of the ten world leaders, five would pass the son-in-law good character test, as reasonable human beings. Most of the five leaders who would not reach this level of sympathy are also incompetent — Bill Clinton is at least as nasty as Lyndon Johnson and at least as bad a President as Jimmy Carter, to compare him with the last two Democrats to reach the White House.

If one takes the five more sympathetic leaders, only one of them stands out as a successful statesman, and that is Chancellor Kohl. He is not a Roosevelt, a Churchill, a de Gaulle or a Bismarck. He is, however, a shrewd politician with a very strong will, a great survivor: he is also a democrat, even though his personal style is rather heavy. He presided over the reunification of his country, which is an historic achievement. He is trying to remodel Europe in the modern German tradition under German leadership. That policy may fail — it is too early to tell — but it is at present, as the Americans say, "the only game in town". Chancellor Kohl lacks breadth or originality of mind: he is neither an intellectual nor a prophet, but is at present the one world leader who is both a decent man and an established power. He is, quite simply, the best.

Of the other four basically sympathetic leaders, three seem more than likely to lose their next election. It would be amazing if John Major were to defeat Tony Blair in 1996 or 1997; Lamberto Dini is not a party leader, and has no democratic basis or prospects; Edouard Balladur seems likely to lose the presidential election to his more populist opponent, Jacques Chirac, though Chirac's simultaneous courting of every type of opinion, flirting with every mademoiselle on every street corner in France, is becoming a little ridiculous — almost Clinton-esque. These three Prime Ministers do not enjoy the authority which comes from electoral popularity. Chrétien is not doing so badly in electoral terms, but Canada's problems do appear almost insoluble for him.

If one applies the John Major standard, one can divide these ten leaders of the world into three groups — those above the standard, those level with the standard and those below it, whose current performances do not deserve a pass mark. The only leader who is clearly performing better than John Major is Helmut Kohl. China, like Germany, is currently a successful country, but this is due to the policies of Deng Xiaoping, who is dying — the new Chinese leadership cannot be assessed properly.

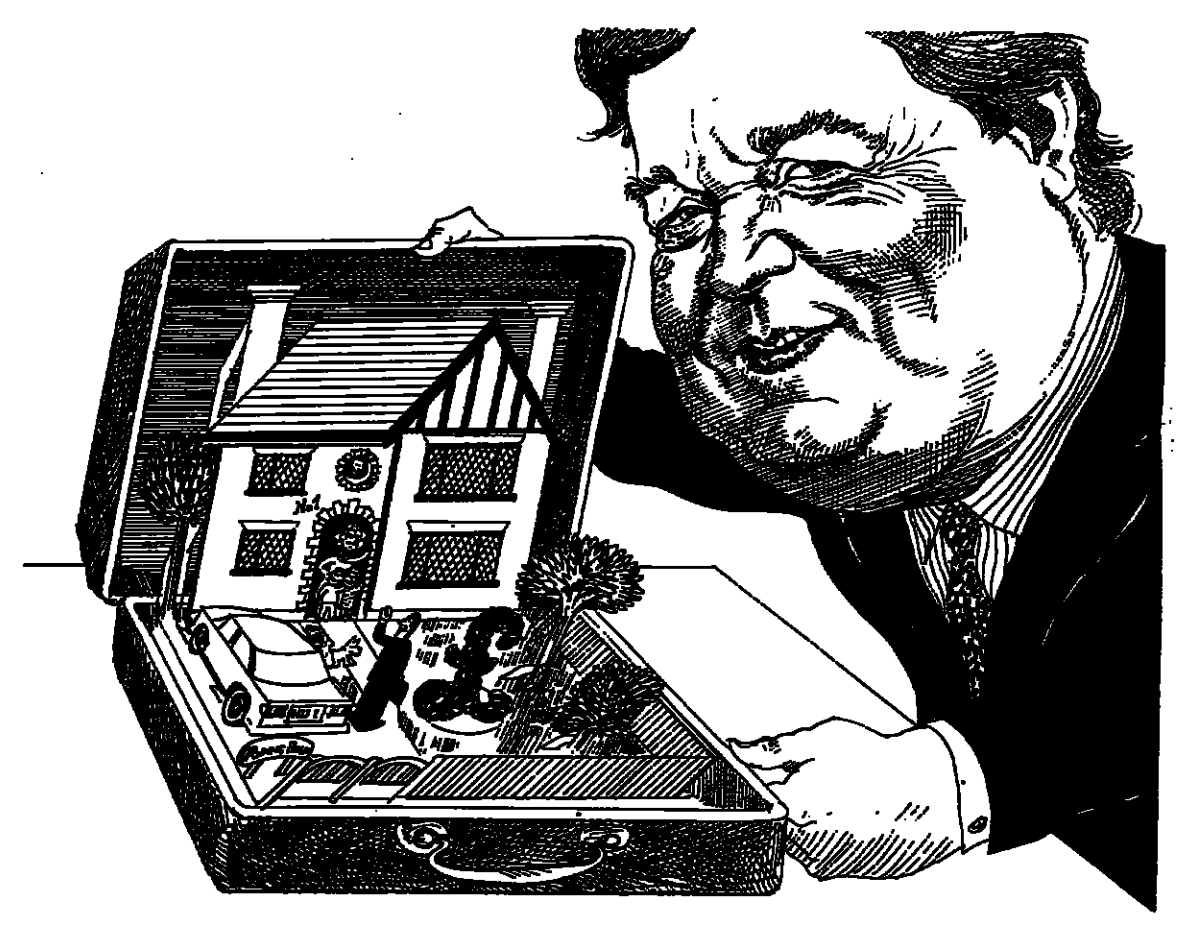
Major himself, Balladur, Dini and Chrétien are on the John Major standard, decent and industrious men who face problems which seem beyond their capacity. Murayama is an adequate Japanese Prime Minister, the product of an absurd coalition, who cannot contribute to solving his country's problems and will be replaced. Yeltsin cannot be forgiven for his brutal invasion of Chechenia, which is continuing while Russia falls further into anarchy and crime. González leads a Government in terminal decline. Clinton is destroying the world's trust in the leadership of the United States.

This simultaneous collapse in the quality of world leadership must be more than a coincidence. The world has lost its political morale: interestingly this is not true in religion, where the Dalai Lama and Pope John Paul II are very different leaders, both of great authority. The electorates will not put up with mediocrity — or worse — for ever. Apart from anything else, it is not at all safe to be governed by leaders who cannot master events.

Wanted: middle-class magic

How to provide reassurance is Whitehall's mission, says

Peter Riddell



Kenneth Clarke has defined the problem. But is there a solution? The absence of the "feel-good" factor, that over-used but evocative term, could doom the Tories' chances of re-election. Senior ministers and Downing Street advisers are busy looking for ways of dealing with these worries — not just by producing policies for the Tory election manifesto, but also by working up new initiatives for the next few weeks and months. And Mr Clarke himself is neither as fatalistic nor as passive as his comments have been interpreted.

Mr Clarke's admission that people are not going to feel more secure and comfortable for at least another couple of years, until the Government has delivered rising prosperity, was in many respects a statement of the obvious. It was neither a gaffe, as much of the press has inanely described it, nor a clanger, as that old intriguer Sir George Gardiner said yesterday, while promoting the Right's attack on the Chancellor by disingenuously proclaiming loyalty to the Prime Minister.

Rather, Mr Clarke's remarks, echoing several speeches he has made over the past few months, are merely a starting point. As I discussed in this column two weeks ago, the central political problem facing the Tories is middle-class insecurity — worries over redundancy, a weak housing market, crime, standards in public services, and providing for old age. These factors have contributed to a record defection from the Tories among core middle-class supporters. How to provide reassurance is the common theme of the policy reviews now under way in Whitehall. These concerns were repeatedly underlined in two wide-ranging sessions which John Major recently held with ministers of state and under-secretaries.

The most long-term of these reviews is the preparation of ideas for the next manifesto by more than two dozen groups of ministers, backbenchers and experts, chaired by Cabinet ministers and co-ordinated by Norman Blackwell, the new head of the Downing Street Policy Unit. He is already earning a reputation for quiet thoroughness and strategic thinking, even though he has yet to show whether he has the necessary political skills and instincts. That role is being performed more by Howell James, who took over as political secretary in Downing Street just before Christmas and is already being credited with adding some political punch to the Prime Minister's performances.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The long-term exercise is still at the stage of trawling ideas from think-tanks. More important, however, for the Tories' prospects is the work to see what can be done before, rather than after, the next election — for instance, via legislation for the next session of Parliament.

As always, short-term pressures predominate. There is talk, so far no more, of saying something before the May local elections, though no one is quite sure what could stem the Tories' probable rout then. Given the recent apocalyptic talk, Mr Major's speech to the Conservative Central Council on Saturday week has even more importance than usual.

His advisers are considering how he can address the issue of middle-class insecurity. There are no obvious answers. The pressures of international competition which are leading to continuing cutbacks by large companies, and resulting insecurities among managers as well as blue-collar workers, are not going to disappear. Nor are there easy ways of offering reassurance about crime or standards in health and education. And government policies, such as encouraging more flexible labour markets and cutting social security help for mortgage borrowers, increase insecurity.

Most immediate complaints are about the housing market. Tory MPs and various outside bodies have made suggestions to the Government about stimulating activity, and hence house prices, by abolishing stamp duty or raising mortgage interest tax relief for first-time buyers (reversing the current cut in relief). Such measures might, officials suspect, merely result in a short-lived boost to activity and prices, with no significant lasting impact.

Any substantial boost would both cost money and could have undesirable side-effects. If economic recovery is to be sustained, the current emphasis upon raising exports and investment as opposed to personal consumption must be maintained. Public borrowing is falling from its earlier high levels, though last week's figures for February raised questions about the pace of decline. There will be no scope for a relaxation of public spending controls of the kind seen before the Tories' victories in 1983, 1987 and 1992. We are still paying for the 1991-92 increase in spending with tax increases. There will be tax cuts, but they will be smaller than the increases since 1993, otherwise longer-term economic prospects will be damaged. And with its greater public influence, the Bank of England would offset any action which might threaten higher inflation by raising interest rates.

Nonetheless, the surprisingly neglected factor in recent discussions has been next November's Budget, and possibly another one a year later, which could obviously affect the "feel-good" factor. Mr Clarke may be tightly constrained, but he is nothing if not a highly political Chancellor. But he is reluctant to raise expectations now, not just because of uncertainties about the scale of what will be possible, but because he wants to make the maximum political impact when he can cut taxes.

There is no apparent appetite in the Treasury for early action, and there are no signs yet of any proposals being worked up into detailed plans. But if the Tories remain in a mess, there will be strong pressure for at least the trailing of what might be done to reassure the middle classes.

Mr Major himself is far from being depressed. He has recently been pointing to the remarkable turnround in the fortunes of Edouard Balladur and Jacques Chirac in the French presidential elections as evidence that even big poll leads can be reversed. But voters will have to feel more secure and optimistic first.

Sick as a coach

THE TIMES DIARY

IT WAS a glorious performance from Rob Andrew that helped England to win at Twickenham on Saturday. But the thrill of victory over Scotland was marred for the England stand-off half because the man who coached him to kick was unable to get a ticket to watch the match.

The kicking maestro, Dave Alred, spent much of the week putting several England players through their paces. He was with Andrew for most of Friday afternoon, and coached him again on Saturday morning before the match began.

But when England returned to their team hotel just before lunchtime on Saturday, Alred drove back to his West Country home to watch the match on television.

Rob Andrew was disappointed, to say the least: "It was unfortunate that the Rugby Football Union could not find Dave a ticket for the game. You would have perhaps thought that somebody putting in as much work as he has done would have been able to get in.

"Dave doesn't just work with me but with several of the England backs. Younger players like Kyran Bracken and Tony Underwood are benefiting from his experience and they represent England's future. I was disappointed that Dave was not there."

Alred has rarely been recognised by the authorities at Twickenham, perhaps because he has been associated with American football. But his skills are acknowledged in Australia, where he has conducted special coaching sessions with players such as David Campese.

Forking out

NO EXPENSE has been spared for Her Majesty's state visit this week to South Africa. The Government there has just spent £20,000 on tablecloths and napkins for a banquet this week at President Mandela's Cape Town residence, attended by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Expenditure on the yellow floral-patterned cloths with matching table skirts and cream-coloured overlays is wholly justified, says the public works department: "The table linen is needed in any case for Tuynhuys [Mandela's official residence] and Parliament."

Earlier this year, the Government bought £22,000-worth of silver and porcelain and £400,000-worth of cutlery imported from a British firm with a royal warrant. At least Her Majesty will feel at home with the knives and forks.

Foot notes

IMPENDING legal action has done nothing to curb Michael Foot's literary output. He has just delivered his biography of H.G. Wells to his publishers, Doubleday. A degree of scandal is promised, for he has explored the wilder shores of the writer's private life.

Foot commissioned many searing pieces from Wells while Editor of the *London Evening Standard* in 1942, and he knew the writer well. But there is "nothing salacious" about his interest, he insists. His editor, Sally Gaminara, implies otherwise: "Wells was a radical, both in politics and his love life — he had two marriages and a series of mistresses. Michael has discovered a lot of new material, particularly about his last mistress, Moura Budberg. The book is a eulogy to a wild and brilliant man. He believed in free love and practised it."

● *Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has gone to the dogs, as it were. She has given permission for a greyhound race to be named after her. The first Queen Mother Cup will take place on Mothering Sunday at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium.*

CALL FROM THE U.S. MR MAJOR, WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHARGES?
ROBERT THOMPSON

Rose-scented

HIS EXCELLENCY the Saudi Arabian Ambassador, Ghazi Algosaibi, has displayed a side to himself which one would not immediately associate with his somewhat illiberal regime. He has just produced a volume of love poems, translated into English. *Dusting the Colour from Roses* features a Pre-Raphaelite maiden gazing reflectively from the cover.

The ambassador is patient with his muse, even though she once failed to visit him for an entire year. She timed her arrival to perfection, however, when his grandson, Fahd, was born: "I wrote the entire poem celebrating his birth in the car on the way back from the hospital."

Major loss

JEREMY HANLEY'S toe-curling attempt to kick off the Tories' local election campaign by smearing Labour councils is not the only setback for John Major over the May elections. His greatest constituency ally is quitting as Tory leader of Huntingdonshire District Council.

Derek Holley, a councillor for 13 years, claims to be one of the earliest and most enduring of Majorites: "John brought me into the Conservative Party. I met him in Fenstanton village hall in 1977. At his adoption meeting 18 months later, from among some 700 people he not only remembered me but recalled in which corner of which hall we met and what we talked about." That's John Major for you.

Blazing saddle

ROSEMARY HENDERSON, the female jockey who made Grand National history last year when she came fifth in the steeplechase on Fiddlers Pike, is planning to remount the beast for another terrifying race. She is entering the Marlborough Cup on May 14, the first British race over hard wooden fences to be held on a purpose-built course just outside Marlborough.

The event is likely to draw Mr Frisk, the 1990 Grand National winner, out of his stable; John Francome is threatening to come out of retirement; and Kim Bailey, who trained the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Master Oats, is on the committee. But the real event of the weekend will be the Barbury Ball, to raise money for the appeal for an adolescent cancer unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. The entire racing world will be letting its hair down courtesy of Wiltshire farmer Count Konrad Goess-Saurau, who is staging both events.

Henderson: history-maker

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REFLECT ON DIVORCE

Ending 'quickie' divorce will help parents and children

A year has now passed since the end of the consultation period for the Government's Green Paper on divorce law reform. It seems an age: indeed family policy organisations have been harrying the Lord Chancellor's Department for a response. Yet this is the same length of time that the Green Paper recommended for divorcing couples to reflect on their position. A year is a long time in a partnership, and is a suitable period for people to ponder whether they should part.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern has now won Cabinet approval to publish a White Paper in the next few weeks which will scrap the "quickie" divorce procedure. Some Tory backbenchers will be worried that the new proposals will make divorce easier: at the moment, couples who separate have to prove that they have been apart for two years before they can be granted a divorce. But three-quarters of divorcing couples instead use the "fault" procedures, in which they cite unreasonable behaviour, adultery or desertion in order to win their divorce in just three to four months. Under Lord Mackay's reforms all would have to wait at least a year.

The costs of divorce are immense: not just in the sorrow experienced by parents and children at the time, but in its after-effects too. Children whose parents stay together are likely to be healthier psychologically and to perform better at school and in later life. And divorce often forces members of broken families into poverty and dependence on the State. Most politicians, in all parties, now agree that government policy should aim to prevent family breakdown where possible, and to protect the children from its fallout when it is unavoidable.

This is what Lord Mackay seeks to do. During the year-long pause for reflection, all couples would be offered the services of a mediator, with whom they could talk about the state of their marriage. The hope is that some might change their minds about going through with divorce. Others will be encouraged to settle their disputes about money and children in as amicable a way as can be found.

The current divorce laws seem instead to be designed to encourage acrimony. In order to win a "fault-based" divorce, couples have to come to court with a list of grudges: the time she threw a plate across the kitchen, the affair he had with his colleague. Meanwhile, lawyers often persuade their clients to ask for the maximum amount of money that they can squeeze out of the other side. Even couples who start the process in a friendly way can end up hating each other. This is miserable for the partners concerned, but even worse for any children, whose unhappiness about the separation of their parents is compounded by the hostility that they discern between their mother and father.

Mediators can fulfil several useful functions. A fortunate few couples may, after talking through their problems, decide not to divorce after all. Others will at least have worked out the arrangements about money and children before they reach court, making an amicable solution more likely. And the resulting savings in legal aid for divorce cases (which amounted to £226.7 million last year alone) could be ploughed back into paying for mediation.

Government, apparently, is still not sure whether to go ahead with legislation on divorce law reform this side of a general election. The issue is said not to be a vote-winner. Yet almost everybody knows somebody whose life would be touched by such a reform. If a Bill can be supported by all sides of the House, that is surely a factor in its favour. Narrow considerations of partisan advantage should not be allowed to obstruct what is a humane and welcome measure.

THE STRENGTH OF SCIENCE

A week of inspiration should lift scientific horizons

The profession of science enjoyed a golden age after the Second World War, rich in success and well supplied with money. But in recent years the "feel-good" factor has proved as elusive for scientists as it has for the public at large. The public image of science has become, all too often, that of the mendicant holding out the bowl and displaying his scars. Science Week, which began last Friday and runs until the end of this week, presents a more amiable face to the world.

Across Britain thousands of lectures, laboratory visits, workshops and hands-on science events have been organised, mostly by local committees. The mood is, as it should be, celebratory, for science has much to celebrate. In a couple of centuries it has become the dominant method by which we seek to understand nature, the conduit to truths that are profound as well as profoundly useful.

Yet many of us who live within the cocoon of security provided by modern medicine and happily exploit the miracles of travel and communication that technology has provided remain disdainful of science and all its works. We unconsciously echo the sentiments of Flaubert, who declared that the four great misdeeds of modern civilisation were "railways, factories, chemists and mathematicians".

In countering these attitudes, scientists are not always their own best advocates. A narrow industrialism too often dictates their arguments, the favourite claim being that without a healthier attitude towards science, Britain will not be able to compete in the development of new products and will decline as an economic power.

Even though we can no longer afford to be as open with the purse as once we were, there is no evidence that Britain's troubles result from training too few scientists or engineers. Uncertain career prospects, poor rates of pay, and the exodus of many research workers to other countries could be taken rather as evidence that we have trained too many.

What, then, is the purpose of a week designed to enthuse more children with science, and why is it welcome? British society, it has been claimed, has the outward acceptance of modernity without the inner conviction. To acquire that conviction does not necessitate all of us becoming physicists, chemists or engineers, but it does require a more general spread of what has been called "street-smart" science.

People should become comfortable with the ideas and methods of science, if they are properly to judge where the ethical lines should be drawn in genetic manipulation, or to make informed decisions on tricky environmental issues such as global warming. It is all too easy for experts to bluff: we need enough knowledge and confidence to call their bluff if we are to control our own technological future.

The scientific element in the national curriculum is an important element in the process, but on its own it is not enough. Science Week provides a more relaxed opportunity to penetrate behind the laboratory doors and to discover that scientists and engineers are human beings capable of explaining themselves in plain prose. The very diversity of the event is its strength, preventing it from being used to project an ideology or to grind an axe, unless it be that science is accessible, interesting, and should be part of everybody's cultural armoury.

THE SLEEPER'S FRIENDS AWAKE

It is too early to axe the Fort William service

A night sleeper takes everyone straight back to the golden age of railways: the hiss of steam heating, the cosy compartments, the rhythmic rocking interrupted by the clattering of points, the morning knock of the steward with tea and biscuits. Few can claim to wake refreshed after a night aboard; yet few who have boarded a grimy express at Euston or King's Cross and drawn up the blinds next morning on the snow-covered Highlands or the lochs near Fort William can ever forget the experience.

The romance and the nostalgia are almost over. Following the franchiser's decision not to insist on the continuation of the night sleeper to Fort William, British Rail has announced that the service, together with the Edinburgh and Glasgow sleepers to Penzance, will run for the last time in May.

The campaign to save the West Highland service is well under way. MPs, holidaymakers, anglers and tourism officials have bombarded BR and the press with petitions and denunciations. Hundreds of last-minute passengers are now filling the berths and swelling the line's takings. The London Friends of the West Highland Line have drawn up figures to challenge BR's claim that it costs the taxpayer £360 in subsidy to each passenger, excluding charges to Railtrack. Railways enthusiasts insist that the line has been badly marketed, and produce damning charges — all too believable in the light of earlier tactics by railway bureaucrats — that booking clerks discourage passengers in order to support claims that the sleeper runs almost empty on most nights.

Enthusiasm alone may not be enough. Sleepers are the victim of new rail technology: Edinburgh can be reached, by day, in under four hours. The journey has to be spun out long enough in order to allow at least a semblance of sleep — and on only the longest stretches. Inverness, Fort William and Penzance hardly have the population to support a daily service except in the high tourist season. Britain is simply too small for the kind of transcontinental sleeper services of Russia or even continental Europe. Only when — or if — the promised overnight connections through the Channel Tunnel begin will sleeper travel again become viable.

This promise is one reason for keeping things as they are, at least until the campaigners have had a chance to reverse declining ridership. The loss of the Fort William service would affect much more than just the handful of regular passengers: the entire viability of the rural lines north of Glasgow would come under question. This is why Scotland is campaigning so hard. A marginal line, once axed, disappears for ever. When ScotRail becomes a private franchise, it may raise enough money to keep the line alive until services through the tunnel can swell the tourist numbers. Campaigners forced the reprieve of the Settle and Carlisle line; they now have less than six weeks to save the Fort William sleeper. They will have to work hard.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Corporate heads as 'role models'

From the Director General of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts

Sir, Tim Bell's defence of high salaries in business is convincingly argued, as his recent speech published in *The Times* on March 11 reveals (letters, March 16). He is right in saying that we are not having a serious debate.

The issue is not corporate greed, but corporate responsibility. Wealth generation is essential to our society; neither poor management nor crusading politicians must put it at risk. But the distribution of the wealth in creating a fair society is surely the point in question.

The news of Barings executives scrambling for their bonuses while their bank collapsed around them was bad for the City's image. But the far-sightedness of the Baring family in establishing the Baring Foundation was ignored in the rush to kick the directors while they were down. Ironically, it was Barings's corporate responsibility in establishing the foundation that exposed the directors to criticism when the funds were put in jeopardy.

The media and politicians are being given easy targets. Corporate executives should be role models in society — all work and lots of pay makes Jack appear not merely a dull, but also a greedy boy. Business people, whatever their workloads, should play an active part in their community, whether through supporting their regional theatre or being on the board of governors of their local school, for example. The sponsorship and donations budgets of companies should be available to public praise and public scrutiny.

The business executive as role model is in danger of extinction in the struggle for corporate survival. If business men and women do not serve as volunteers, sit on the boards of trustees, lead the fundraising campaigns and provide the sponsorship, our communities will be impoverished for more than a generation.

Tim Bell is right in saying that "company directors should be defending themselves and their company's achievements boldly". It would be good if out of all this bad publicity a serious debate could be had about the role of business in the wider world. Let the successful executives keep their hard-earned salaries, but let them and us examine their roles as leaders in the community.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN TWEEDY,
Director General,
Association for Business
Sponsorship of the Arts,
Nutmeg House, 60 Gainsford Street,
Butlers Wharf, SE1.
March 15.

Bulk carrier losses

From Mr M. B. F. Ranken

Sir, Everyone should be delighted that Lord Donaldson has been asked to assess what further work would be needed to learn more about the cause of the loss of the bulk carrier *Derbyshire*, what benefit to ship safety generally there might be, and what would the work cost (report and article, March 7).

However, even if Lord Donaldson recommends such action, the Government may still not sanction the full seabed survey of the wreck that many already consider necessary, indeed essential, in the light of the continuing high casualty rates with bulkers. These presently run at one a month; half of them involve deaths (now averaging 133 per year) and some still disappear without trace. There is no sign of improvement as these ships grow older.

Stricken cargo ships and their crews are still treated as statistics, especially when far from land and home or flying another country's flag, in contrast to passenger ship losses and crashed aircraft.

Fifty per cent more crew members have been lost in bulk carriers in the past 24 years than the 1,502 men, women and children drowned in the *Titanic*. The whole maritime community, governments and the International Maritime Organisation are culpable, so long as they allow this carnage to continue.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RANKEN,
44 Castelnau Mansions,
Castelnau, Barnes SW13.
March 10.

Handel vs Hendrix

From Mr James Doheny

Sir, As a composer and teacher of composition, I find the attitude of the Handel House Trust to the proposition of a plaque dedicated to Jimi Hendrix at 23 Brook Street, Mayfair (report, March 16), somewhat regrettable.

The cultural life of the nation (and indeed the life and works of Handel) would surely be better served by a conservation not only of bricks and mortar but also of the climate of openmindness and discerning good taste which, one can assume, drew both of these distinguished expatriates to London in the first place and that we all rely on to attract their successors.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES DOHENY,
Royal Academy of Music,
Marylebone Road, NW1.
March 17.

Life and death decisions in NHS treatment of children

From Mrs C. Paxton

Sir, In 1982 our eight-week-old baby son was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia (letters, March 14). The prognosis was hopeless ("no known survivors"). The most well-known children's hospital in this country thought it not worthwhile to attempt treatment and he was given eight weeks to live.

Our regional centre for paediatric oncology had the vision and courage to try some treatment for this youngest-ever AML sufferer. What was later described as "outlandish" chemotherapy brought about a two-year remission. When relapse occurred, the situation appeared unsalvageable, but with much support and close attention to our son's ability to withstand the immense rigours of the drug regimes, extremely expensive, "state of the art" chemotherapy and cranial and spinal radiotherapy were given.

Ten years later our son is a healthy teenager, growing normally, doing well at school, and with a calm and optimistic personality which belies his early suffering.

His treatment pushed back the frontiers of knowledge about this awful disease and furthered research which has helped other young patients.

Yours sincerely,
JILL PAXTON,
Coppinhall,
23 Church Lane,
Old Sodbury, Bristol, Avon.
March 11.

From Dr Anthony Hopkins

Sir, The case of the little girl B has revealed the absence of a defined system, with accountability, for allocating resources for the care of individual patients.

As you reported on March 11, some participants are coming forward claiming that they have the right to decide: these include the patient (in this case B's father) and the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission ("it is our responsibility to allocate resources" and "in difficult cases Dr Zimmern [the commission's director of health policy] makes the final decision").

Other potential participants do not wish to be involved. The Court of Appeal has ruled that it was "misguided to involve the court in a field of activity where it is not fitted to make any decision favourable to the patient". The Secretary of State for Health has stated that "decisions about treatment must be left to doctors". She is right.

Clinicians may need to act as advocates for their patients, pressing for resources from the managers of NHS trusts (their employers) and from health authorities. Patients and their doctors are partners in care, in a relationship based on trust, a trust which takes into account the proven effectiveness of treatment and the costs to society of an individual's treatment in terms of other opportunities lost.

The only alternative to such trust is a bureaucratic mechanism for approval of treatment, necessarily with an appeals procedure. Is this what we want?

Yours etc,
ANTHONY HOPKINS,
149 Harley Street, W1.
March 15.

From Mr David Keast

Sir, The leukaemia treatment case forces us to confront some sobering truths. It is too simplistic to present this as an issue of funding. Cash only serves to disguise the unwelcome reality that there must be a balance between individual life expectancy and demands on the rest of the community to provide for it.

In most areas of collective responsibility there is fairly open debate on the scale and use of resources; should we repair the high street or should we build the new village hall? Do we need more tanks or more planes? Yet there is very little public debate of the relative value of different medical treatments.

Most people without medical training feel unwilling to make such judgments and are content to defer to the medical profession. This is an issue for all of society; it is too important to leave to the experts.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KEAST,
31 Lower Street,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
March 15.

War widows' thanks

From the President and the Vice-Presidents of the War Widows Association of Great Britain

Sir, On behalf of all the members of the War Widows Association of Great Britain we would like publicly to thank Lord Freyberg for moving the amendment on pension restoration to war widows after the end of a second marriage either through death or divorce (reports, March 15, 16). We should also like to thank Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lady Seear, Lord Brookes, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Ennals, Lady Hollis of Heigham, Lady Park of Monmouth, Lord Chalfont and Lord Wolfson, who all spoke so movingly, and all the many other noble lords who supported us.

The figure of 48,000 affected by the measure includes all those whose spouses were killed by enemy action while on duty, including firemen and ARP wardens.

We very much hope that this amendment will receive the same splendid support in its next stage, in the Commons.

Yours,
STRANGE
(President, War Widows Association),
NICOL,
O'CATHAIN
(Vice-Presidents),
House of Lords.
March 16.

From Group Captain Peter Drury Bird, RAF (retd)

Sir, With many others, I imagine, I was delighted to read about the young Lord Freyberg's gallant stance on the plight of war widows' pensions. Good for him. We Second World War survivors desperately need the understanding and concern of the new generation. It follows that Lord Freyberg and others should, in addition, be aware of yet another facet of potential and actual suffering of war widows.

I flew Lancasters in Bomber Command in the war; my wife endured that experience. If I die first she will receive one third of my service pension. Widows of officers of my rank too young to have served in the Second World War will, however, receive one half of their husband's retired pay.

For more than ten years I have been forced to contribute from my own pocket more than £100 per month in private insurance to make up the difference (if needs be!).

Yours etc,
PETER D. BIRD,
Coach House, Chirk Lodge,
Winchester Hill,
Romsey, Hampshire.
March 16.

From Mrs Camilla Westwood

Sir, In this year, when we commemorate the end of the Second World War, the Government has an appropriate opportunity to correct a great injustice done to servicemen who became prisoners of our European enemies. Those returning from the camps were repaid only half their pay covering the time of their imprisonment on the ground that they had been paid by their captors in token currency. There was of course nothing to buy with it and it was worthless.

Other nationalities and British prisoners in other theatres were repaid in full.

Before the Government spends millions on commemorations it should first right this wrong to the men or their spouses.

Yours faithfully,
CAMILLA WESTWOOD,
19 Rainville Road, W6.
March 16.

Academic titles

From Professor Antony W. Dnes

Sir, The debate at Oxford over the creation of professorial titles [reports, March 13, 14 and later editions March 18] is indicative of a wider problem for UK universities. Most of our academics are made to look somewhat junior abroad because we eschew the professorial title until we reach the equivalent of US full professor. The problem is the title of lecturer — which is used here for a career grade but in the USA usually designates a temporary and unqualified assistant.

I propose that we adopt the US system, since it is now the dominant academic presence, as have other European countries like The Netherlands. The grades should be (using traditional and not new-university grades): assistant professor (lecturer); associate professor (senior lecturer); full professor (reader and above). The current distinction attached to a UK professorship could be maintained by awarding a titled chair.

I fear this move will not be acceptable to UK (full) professors who will wish to preserve the exclusivity of our title. A similar debate in Australia ran aground on just this point.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY W. DNES,
Nottingham Trent University,
Department of Economics,
Burton Street, Nottingham.

Familiar tactics

From Mr Mark Mason

Sir, I fail to understand the controversy about using public money to buy votes (report, March 16). Surely that is what every general election in this country has been about for at least the past fifty years?

Yours faithfully,
MARK MASON,
31 Battlebridge Court, N1.
March 17.

Judges' accountability

From the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford

Sir, Sir Michael Ogden (letter, March 11) should not fear the judicial complaints procedure proposed in the new Labour Party consultation paper. Accountability is not inconsistent with independence. England does not have independence of the judiciary in the American sense, with the Bench an independent branch of government. In England the concept of independence is probably best thought of, constitutionally, as independence of individual judges from outside influence.

It should also be remembered that courts perform two very difficult functions: a constitutional one in which the maximum independence of the judges from legislature and executive is desirable, and a social-service function, in which judicial accountability is scarcely inappropriate. A well constructed commission to investigate a range of judicial failings — from discourtesy (to litigants or counsel) to administrative ineptitude — would be eminently desirable.

Such bodies have proven their value in Scandinavian countries, with their judicial ombudsmen, who have helped make their courts more "user friendly". Nor should it be forgotten that the Italian judiciary has charted a courageous independent political course despite modest judicial salaries and the supervision, in non-legal matters, of the *Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura*.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT STEVENS (Chairman,
Justice Committee on the Judiciary),
Pembroke College, Oxford.
March 16.

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Child poverty

From Ms Emma Knights

Sir, You report (later editions, March 17) that the number of separated couples colluding to defraud the Child Support Agency stood at 16,088 in the ten months to January this year, compared with 627 in the whole of the financial year 1993-94. In fact these figures relate to something very different: they are the number of parents caring for children who are having their benefit reduced for not co-operating with the CSA.

The rise in the figures can be explained by the fact that the procedure for deciding whether a parent has good cause for not co-operating can take months, and that the notorious backlog of cases at the CSA is working its way through the system.

Parents on benefit who refuse to apply for child maintenance risk losing £9.30 a week for six months, followed by a loss of £4.65 a week for the next year. Fraud is only an issue if the absent parent then makes maintenance payments which are not declared to the benefits agency; the DSS has no evidence as to how many of the benefit penalty cases this involves. Many children are living well below the poverty line because their parent has been forced to make the invidious choice that it is not in their best interests to apply to the CSA. Women on income support who do apply find that every £1 of maintenance received results in a £1 reduction in their benefit.

On March 20 Parliament debates the package announced in the White Paper, *Improving Child Support*, which includes practically nothing for parents and children living in poverty. The child support scheme should ensure that the poorest families are allowed to keep a small amount of any child maintenance payment.

Yours faithfully,
EMMA KNIGHTS,
Child Poverty Action Group,
1-5 Bath Street, EC1.
March 17.

Distant encounters

From the Reverend Julian Sullivan

Sir, The Green Party's new politically correct hug, with its menacing intrusion into "personal body space" (report March 6; letters, March 8), was anticipated by the Church almost half a century ago.

The words of St Paul rendered in the Revised Version as "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss" (1 Corinthians xvi, 20) are replaced in J. B. Phillips's 1947 translation of the New Testament as "I should like you to shake hands all round as a sign of Christian love".

Clearly he had in mind the added advantage that no one would feel excluded.

Yours correctly,
JULIAN SULLIVAN,
St Mary's Vicarage,
42 Charlotte Road, Sheffield 1.
March 8.

Words perfect

From Mr Richard Thomas

Sir, You are right (leading article, March 16) to support the Law Commission's call for clarity and simplicity in criminal legislation.

It can be done. What message to the potential horse thief could be clearer or simpler than Section 1 of the Docking and Nicking of Horses Act 1949 — "the . . . nicking of horses is prohibited"?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD THOMAS
(Director,
Public Policy Group),
Clifford Chance,
200 Aldersgate Street, EC1.
March 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 18: The Queen left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening to visit South Africa.

Her Majesty was received at the Airport by the Earl of Airlie, KT (Lord Chamberlain), Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall, KG), Mr Gert Grobler (Deputy High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa), Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, British Airports Authority), Sir Colin Marshall (Chairman, British Airways) and Mr Roger Cato (Deputy Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following are in attendance: the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mrs Hurd, His Excellency Sir Anthony Reeve (British High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa), the Duchess of Grafton, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Major James Patrick and Mr John Sawers.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 18: The Prince Edeward this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between England and Scotland at Twickenham, Middlesex.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and England at Twickenham, Middlesex.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 18: The Prince of Wales this morning left Morocco for Spain.

His Royal Highness was present at the Marriage of The Infanta Elena and Don Jaime de Marichalar y Saenz de Tejada in Seville Cathedral this afternoon.

The Prince of Wales later arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Spain.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Major Patrick Tabor and Miss Sandra Henney were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 18: The Princess of Wales this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Wales and Ireland at Cardiff Arms Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edewards RNR).

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
March 19: The Queen arrived at D F Malan Airport, Cape Town, South Africa, this morning and was received by Deputy President Mbeki.

Her Majesty later embarked in HMY *Britannia* at Simonstown.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at D F Malan Airport, Cape Town, South Africa, this afternoon and joined The Queen in HMY Britannia.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening sailed for Cape Town in HMY Britannia.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ovid, poet, Sulmona, Italy, 43 BC; Thomas Morton, bishop, York, 1564; Jean-Antoine Houdon, sculptor, Versailles, 1741; Johann Friedrich Hölderlin, poet, Lauffen, Germany, 1770; Henrik Ibsen, dramatist, Skien, Norway, 1828; W.J. Locke, novelist, Demerara, Guyana, 1863; Beniamino Gigli, tenor, Recanati, Italy, 1890; Hugh Maclennan, novelist, Nova Scotia, 1907; Sir Michael Redgrave, actor, Bristol, 1908.

DEATHS: King Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413, London, 1413; Sir Thomas Seymour, Baron Seymour of Sudeley, statesman, executed, London, 1549; Sir Isaac Newton, physicist, London, 1727; Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, London, 1751; *William Murray, 1st Earl of* Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice 1756-88, London, 1793; Henry David Inglis, traveller and writer, London, 1835; Lajos Kossuth, Hungarian nationalist, Turin, 1894; George Nathaniel Curzon, 1st Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, Viceroy of India 1898-1905, London, 1925; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Paris, 1929; Henry Handel Richardson (Ethel Florence Lindesay), novelist, Fairlight, Sussex, 1946; Brendan Behan, writer, Dublin, 1964.

The Netherlands government fromed the Dutch East India Company, 1602.

The foundation stone of Dartmoor Prison was laid, Devon, 1806.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was first published, 1852.

Latest wills

Mr Michael Wroughton Parkington, of London W8, solicitor, the author of recent editions of MacGillivray and Parkington on Insurance Law, left estate valued at £1,251,282 net.

Mr Alexander Hardie Williamson, of Henfield, West Sussex, left estate valued at £417,917 net.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir William Asscher, Principal, St George's Hospital *Medical School, 64; the Very Rev* William Baddeley, former Area Dean of Westminster, 81; Dr Wendy Baron, head, Government Art Collection, 58; Mr Christopher Benstead, racehorse trainer, 66; Mr Anthony Blond, publisher, 67; Mr T.G.M. Brooks, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, 66; Sir Arnold Burgen, former Master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 73; Sir Stuart Burgess, chairman, Anglia and Oxford Regional Health Authority, 66; the Right Rev M.J. Conti, Bishop of Aberdeen, 61; Mr Charles Elly, president, Law Society, 53; Mr Douglas French, MP, 51; Mr William Hurt, actor, 45; Mr Spike Lee, actor, film director and producer, 38; Dame Vera Lynn, singer, 78; Mr A.M. M'Bow, former director-general, Unesco, 74; Sir David Montgomery, former chairman, Forestry Commission, 64; Mr Brian Mulroney, former Canadian Prime Minister, 56; the Hon Philip Oppenheim, MP, 39; Dr John Rae, former Head Master, Westminster School, 64; Mr Sviatoslav Richter, pianist, 80; Lord Justice Saville, 59; the Earl of Seafield, 56; Mr Greg Searle, rower, 23; Mr Adrian Snow, former Headmaster, The Oratory School, 56; Sir Harry Solomon, former chairman, Hillsdown Holdings, 58; Mr Tim Yeo, MP, 50.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will attend the annual trust awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace at noon; and, as Patron of the Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped), will attend a dinner at 2 Wilton Terrace at 7.45pm.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Network Housing Association, will open Hormead Wharf, Hormead Road, W9, at 11am.

Infanta Elena, eldest daughter of King Juan Carlos of Spain, and Jaime de Marichalar wave as they leave Seville Cathedral on Saturday after their wedding. One thousand guests, among them representatives of every royal family in Europe, attended Spain's first royal wedding since 1906. Infanta Elena, 31, is second in line to the Spanish throne

Luncheon

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
The Mayor of Barnet presented the Mayor's Award for Excellence to Sir Sigmund Sternberg at a luncheon held yesterday at the *Sternberg Centre for Judaism.*

Service luncheon

600 City of London Squadron
Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Commandant Royal College of Defence Studies, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the 600 City of London Squadron Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, after the annual *meeting. Mr Ray Aveyard, president*, was in the chair.

Dinner

The Cornhill Club
Mr Eddie George, the Governor, Bank of England, was the guest speaker at the 53rd annual dinner of the Cornhill Club held on March 15. Mr Christopher Weller, Chairman, presided. Sir Brian Pitman, club President, and 230 senior representatives of major banks and City financial institutions were present.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMODORE: I M Hime to Bridgetown, 28.7.95.
CAPTAIN: A K Backus to Falklands in rank of Cdre, 29.8.95. L C P Merrick to Kiev, 31.3.95; P W H Swan to HQAFSouth Italy in rank of Cdre, 13.9.95.
ACTING CAPTAIN: C A M Parrish to Moscow, 3.4.95.
COMMANDER: J A Green to Staff of FOSM Northwood, 2.6.95; R W Mason to MOD London, 4.8.95; J B McLellan to MOD Bath, 4.4.95; C D Pott to Shape Belgium, 14.7.95; C P Robinson to Gibraltar, 25.8.95.

The Army
COLONEL: E H Sambell to to MoD, 20.3.95; S D Young to To HQ Britfor Split, 25.3.95.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: P H Bell RLC to HQ BFHK, 20.3.95; P M Dickinson RLC to to be CO ASC, 20.3.95; J Haverson Reme to to MoD, 20.3.95; J B Parish ACC to HQ UKLF, 20.3.95.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: D C Dickens to to HQ 1 GP, 24.3.95.

Ringing success

A set of ten cathedral bells that last rang out for a visit by Lord Nelson in 1803 are to peal again. New bells have been delivered to Brecon Cathedral in Powys as part of a £600,000 renovation scheme.

School news

Canford School
Canford School announces the following awards, some of which have been endowed by the school's sale of the Assyrian frieze.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships: Poppy Ahern, Talbot Heath; Juliette Batch, Marist Convent, Alton; Caroline Bloor, Wentworth Milton Mount; Camilla French, St Swithun's; Laura Forsyth, Portsmouth High; Susannah Holt, Talbot Heath; Mark Hughes, Merchant Taylors, Northwood; Abby Larivé, Wentworth Milton Mount; Lisette Le Boutillier, Sherborne; Edwina Thompson, James Allen's, Dulwich.

Sixth Form Music Scholarships: Rachel Benjamin, Parkstone Grammar; Emma Cotsworth, Talbot Heath.

Academic Scholarships: Dominic Ahern, Dumpton; Jonathan Edwards, Castle Court; Matthew Hind, Salisbury Cathedral School; Chantal Kennedy, Windlesham House; Sarah Price, All Hallows; Philip Scard, St Hugh's, Woodhall Spa; David Spofforth, Dorchester Prep; David Stebbings, Castle Court; William Steggals, Castle Court; Robert Stevenson, Walhampton; Timothy Webster, Canford and Dumpton.

Royal Naval Scholarship: William Laird, Ardvreck.

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Canford School also announces an Open Day for visitors between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, May 20, at which the plans for the Theatre and Sports Centre will be on display.

Canford School is a registered charity providing education for children.

Stowe School
Stowe School announces the following awards for 1995:

Major Scholarship: Simon Creek, Beachborough, Brackley.
Minor Scholarship: Alexander Papadopulos, Papplewick, Ascot.
Mathematics Exhibition: Rupert Burchett, Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead.
Honorary Language Exhibition: Alexander Lyell, Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead.
Stephan Single Subject Award (for Theology): Hugo Wilson, Summer Fields, Oxford.
Major Music Scholarship: Michael Jones, Ripon Cathedral School, N Yorks.
Music Scholarships: Rupert Burchett, Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead; Simon Creek, Beachborough, Brackley; William Dudley, Beechwood Park, St Albans; Alexander Lyell, Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead; Ben McCarey, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; Alexander Winter, Sussex House, London.
Roxburgh Awards: Rupert Burnell-Nugent, Mount House, Tavistock; David Widdick, Akeley Wood, Buckingham.
Sixth Form Scholarships: Sarah Flavell, Dixie Grammar, Nuneaton; Hilary Masey, Warriner, Bloxham; Angela Pooley, St Mary's Wantage; Georgina Rolt, St Helen & St Katharine, Abingdon; Duncan Barbour, King Alfred's, Wantage.
Sixth Form Exhibitions: Georgia Levison, More House, London; Alexandra Williams, More House, London.
Sixth Form Stephan Awards: Helen Kerford-Byrnes, Akeley Wood, Buckingham; Louis Aslett, Akeley Wood, Buckingham; Russell De Ritter, Akeley Wood, Buckingham; David Knowles, Akeley Wood, Buckingham.
Sixth Form Roxburgh Awards: Mary-Kate Lyell, Abbotts Hill, Hemel Hempstead.

Institute of Administrative Management

The following have successfully completed the Institute of Administrative Management's advanced diploma in administrative management held in December 1994.

A Ang Goon Sin, M Ang Mui Fung, L Appleton, H M Barton, B D Benjamin, A Chan, Chan Elic, Chan Pui Shan, Chan Siu Chun, Chan Suan Kim, Charanjeet Kaur, Chee Lian Peng, Chee Me Shang, E Cheong Moi Lian, Cheung Ying Yu, A Chow Kim Mei, Chua Siew Liang, K Connell, J Culbert, Eng Lee-Huang, V Foo Li Peng, G C Francis, Gan Kok Ming, S W Garbett, Goh Fee Chew, A P Gormley, Ho Chui Foong, Hung Chung-Ling, Kao Wai Ling, Khoo Gim Looi, Kim Loo See, Kuek Sheu Nee, G Kwong Yuen Fan, T Lai Chi Hao, Lai Pek Fong, L Lee Pei Lin, E Lee Poh Gek, S Lim Geok Lian, Lim Kim Nee, C Lim Sai Eng, Lim San San, Loke Kar Quen, Loo Huei Ley, L Luk Yuk Yi, Mok Phuay Cheung, Narainee Karunakaran, Nazreena Devi, D Neo Siew Hong, Neui Mun Wai, F Ng Gwek Yong, Ng Lai Chun, Ng Leng Nah, C Ng Pei Ling, Ng Wai Fun, L M Ng Yu-Lynn, Ong Ah Choe, Pang Khai Muay, M Peach, Pua Geok Hong, G M Reavley, Roslina Bte Abdul, s/o B S Santokh Singh, J K Sarban Singh, Seow Gaik Ching, E Seow Lay Choo, J Seto Pah Chwin, Siew Kum Hoong, Siew Lay Chan, D K s/o Daya Krishan.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.R. Andrew and Mrs J.J.B. Pope
The engagement is announced between Patrick Ramsay Andrew, husband of the late Philippa Andrew, of Hill House, Dummer, Hampshire, and Peta-Carolyn Pope, wife of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Julian Pope, of Upton Grove, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.C.K. Dearlove and Miss J.M. Dodwell
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs David Dearlove, of Hintlesham, Suffolk, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Dodwell, of Polstead, Suffolk.

Mr C.J.R.K. Findlater and Miss K.N.S. Young
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Colonel John Findlater, OBE, of Alicante, Spain, and Mrs Ann Findlater, of Reading, Berkshire, and Katrina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Young, of Cobham, Surrey.

Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax and Mrs C.J. Wishart
The engagement is announced between John Clive, elder son of the late Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax and of Gwynneth Viscountess Mackintosh of Halifax, and Claire Jane, youngest daughter of Mr Stanislaw Nowak and of the late Mrs Nowak.

Mr J.K. Mann and Mrs A.M. Hessemer
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey Kennedy Mann, of Birmingham, Alabama, USA, eldest son of Daphne Joy Mann and the late Alfred John Mann, of Woking, Surrey, and Auriol Marion Hessemer, of Bay St Louis, Mississippi, USA, only daughter of John W.E. Hay-Drummond-Hay and the late Rachel Hay-Drummond-Hay, of Crowhurst, Sussex.

Mr J.P. Minchin and Miss J.M. Colville
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Minchin, of Wadhurst, Sussex, and Julia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Colville, of Stalbridge, Dorset.

Frank Duncan

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Frank Duncan, actor, will be held at noon on Monday, May 1, at St Paul's, Covent Garden.

20,000 dogs break the Cruft's record

A RECORD 20,000 dogs were exhibited at Cruft's over the past four days, the highest in the show's history. More than 100,000 visitors converged on the National Exhibition Centre in *Birmingham*.

The most popular breed shown was the Labrador and the least popular were the Eskimo dog, the Finnish Lapland and the Hungarian Puli, with just eight dogs exhibited for each breed.

Results — Day 3.

Terriers and hounds:
Bedlington Terrier: Rathrisgg Rollick, Mrs P Kiernan, St Albans, Herts; **Fox Terrier (Smooth):** Ch. Paulanna, Pot Luck of Sanamaris, Mrs S Morris, Evesham, Worcs. **Skye Terrier:** Ch. Acheo Aly Bain at Glorfindel: Mrs G Marshall, Linlithgow, West Lothian. **Deerhound:** Ch. Drissaig Inverewe: Mrs & Mrs J Thurston, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. **Irish Wolfhound:** Ballalyn's Himself: Mrs & Mrs D McMillan, Guildford, *Surrey*. **Pharaoh:** Ch. Ankors Alcahest: Mr A Bongiovanni, Bridgwater, Somerset. **Airedale Terrier:** Ch. Jokyl This Is My Song: Miss O Jackson, Farnham, Surrey. **Australian Terrier:** Belyndi Red Jiemba: Miss L Bell, Woking, Surrey. **Fox Terrier (Wire):** Beemald Trouble: Mr P Wilkinson, West Bromwich, W. *Midlands*. **Sealyham Terrier:** Ch. Abricot Blenheim Bloke: Mrs B *Horn*, Penrith, Cumbria. **Soft Coated Wheaten:** Ch. Eridanus She's Got The Look: Mrs & Mrs R McKinnon, Wirral, Merseyside. **Afghan Hound:** Ch. Sade Hi-Ranger To Sharazah: Mr D Arris, Wakefield, W. Yorks.

Basenji: Zizunga Queenbee, Mrs I Terry, Eltham, London. **Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired):** Ch. Wildstar Wemeber Me: Mr R Wood, Norwich, Norfolk. **Whippet:** Ch. Birkanbrae Everlastin Love: Mr D Gilmore, Barnsley, S Yorks. **Bull Terrier:** Ch. Calibre Cabin Class: Mr *& Mrs P Lambert, Shoeburyness*, Essex. **Scottish Terrier:** Ch. Kentwella Rob Roy: Miss J Szczepanek, Blackburn, Lancs. **Greyhound:** Ch. Windspiel Northern Pearl Of Seeswift: Mr & Mrs I Bond, Royston, Herts. **Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen:** Ch. Dehra Xato: Mr N *Frost, Berkhamstead*, Herts. **Rhodesian Ridgeback:** Mirengos Manika, Mr & Mrs J Woodrow, High Wycombe, Bucks. **Dachshund (Smooth Haired):** Laurilee Trick Or Treat: Mr & Mrs M Armstrong, Glamorgan, S Wales. **Bull Terrier (Miniature):** Erenden Anniversary Waltz With Krakenexis, Mrs P Sands, Walsham, Norfolk. **Cairn Terrier:** Corennie Shot in the Dark: Mrs S Fox, Bromley, Kent. **Dandie Dinmont Terrier:** Dreraburn Integrity Of Finloren, Mrs A Harpwood, Presteigne, Powys. **Norfolk Terrier:** Cracknor Call My Bluff: Miss M Matell, Ashford, Kent. **Basset Hound:** Viness Vinell Just *William, Mr & Mrs M Ness, Cross* Hands, Dyfed.

Borzoi: Sholwood Striking Rubies: Mr R *Duckworth*, Crediton, Devon. **Dachshund (Miniature Wire-Haired):** Shardagang Prismatic, Mr J Blackburn-Bennett, Fleetwood, Lancs. **Hamiltonstovares:** Tedandi Scarlett Ribbons, Mr & Mrs I Daly, Bristol, Avon. **Saluki:** Ch. Alcaliphs Valli, Mrs D Copperthwaite, Andover, Hants. **Border Terrier:** Ch. Matamba Rosemary, Mrs M Curtis, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear. **Glen of Imaal Terrier:** Orange Blossom at Bawnogue, Mr R Kelly, Mostyn, Clywd. **Kerry Blue Terrier:** Louisburgh Seaspray, Mr T Manning, Fairfield, Liverpool. **Lakeland Terrier:** Rayfos Making Music, Mr & Mrs P Greenaway, Newark, Notts. **Norwich Terrier:** Ch. Elve The Viking, Mr & Mrs M Crawley, Bicester, Oxon. **Parson Jack Russell Terrier:** Howlbeck Matuka Mindlen, Mrs L Miller, Selkirk, Scotland. **Staffordshire Bull Terrier:** Ch. Domino Flashy Lad, Mr & Mrs Bradder, Alfreton, Derbyshire. **West Highland White Terrier:** Ch. Ashgate Sinclair, Mrs S Thompson, Taunton, Somerset. **Bassett Fauve De Bretagne:** Varon Hermitage At Kocalba, *Miss K Lucas*, Crawley, Sussex. **Beagle:** Valsacre Tactful of Bondlea, Mrs M Hunt, Basingstoke, Hants. **Bloodhound:** Ch. Sullom The Commander, Mr & Mrs R Pritchard, Lockerbie, Dumfrieshire. **Finnish Spitz:** Ch. Toveri Retu: Mr & Mrs L Gatti, Brackley, North Hants.

Ibizan Hound: Ch. Rooskin Starlight, Mrs C Shaw, Peterborough. **Otterhound:** Ottersdream *Pixie: Mr M Ansell*, Fordingbridge, Hants. **Dachshund (Long Haired):** Swansford Placidor, Mrs M Swann, Stafford. **Irish Terrier:** Ch. Tubereasa Beau Venture Aragabha, Mrs W Semple, Bordesley Green, Birmingham. **Manchester Terrier:** Ch. Keyline Galahad, Mr & Mrs R Pyne, Co. Down. **Welsh Terrier:** Ch. Purston Leading Lady At Wigmore, Mrs B Halliwell, Leominster.

Results — Day 4.

Toy and Utility Groups
Affenpincher: Coleacre Eliza Gubbins from Scapafield, Mr and Mrs P Cant, Southampton. **Chihuahua (long coat):** Ch. Some Angel by Amatika, Mrs N Brind, Canterbury, Kent. **English Toy Terrier:** Reeberrick Scarlet: Mr J Richardson, Ely. **Italian Greyhound:** Ch. Fleetgrace Vision Quest Mrs M *Sprague-White, Epsom, Surrey*. **Lowchen:** Ch Cleeview Bold Boy of Fanterre, Mr and Mrs R Millsom, Bircotes, Doncaster. **Maltese:** Ch. Snowgoose First Love, Mrs V Herriett, Woking, Surrey. **Miniature Pinscher:** Ch Kilmuir el Conquistador, Mrs H. McClean, Lesmahagow, Lancs. **Boston Terrier:** Ch. Tanver Tantilizer, Mrs V Tanner, Crowborough, East Sussex. **French Bulldog:** Ch. Bredwardine Bean, Mr and Mrs J McKenzie, Clackmannanshire. **Keeshond:** Ch. Calanigo Bitter Sweet Neradmik, Mrs J Sharp-Bale, Ringwood, Hants. **Miniature Schnauzer:** Beaulea Blue Print, Dr R Franklin Cumnor, Oxon. **Poodle (Standard):** Ch. Pamplona Something Special, Mr M Coad, Preston. **Poodle (Toy):** Ch. Pabuleux Freddie Steady Go: Mrs Evans, Fobbing Essex. **Schipperke:** Ch. Keyna's Swansong, Mr R Baker, Rishton, Lancs.

Australian Silky Terrier: Sharbad *Sweet an Sharp, Mr & Mrs D Sharp*, Rednal, Birmingham. **Cavalier King Charles Spaniel:** Harana Too Darn Hot, Miss L Koster, Lighthorne, Warwickshire. **Chihuahua (Smooth):** Ch. Diella Little Joe, Mrs E Lunney, Welling, Kent. **Chinese Crested:** Churrascro Prescilla, Mr & Mrs D Jenkins, *Oakham*, Kent. **Griffon Bruxellois:** Ch. Shenden Viking: Mrs P. Crick, Rugby. **Pug:** Chortleberry Periwinkle AT Alvenor, *Mr & Mrs A Grosvenor, Wisbech*, Cambridgeshire. **Dalmatian:** Ch. Washakie Dancing *Brave*, Miss K Goff, Bourne, Lincs. **German Spitz (Klein):** Allen Baylies' Cream at Delgray, Mrs F Grayer, Peacehaven, East Sussex. **German Spitz (Mittel):** Galvtzack's Fred Flintstone in Upanatum, Miss A. Barr, Denton, Manchester. **Japanese Akita:** Ch. Goshen's Bigger Is Better At Redwitch, Mr & Mrs D Killilea, Nottingley, West Yorks. **Poodle (Miniature):** Ch. Novadene Highly *Explosive*: Miss N. Catterall, Preston. **Bichon Frise:** Tamaiva Keep The Faith For Mistama, Miss T Dawson, Fareham, Hants. **Japanese Chin:** Gloval Simply Red, Mrs V Nicholson, Loughborough, Leics. **King Charles Spaniel:** Mistycote Jacob, Miss M Cross, Nottingham. **Papillon:** Tussalud Story Teller, Mrs K Stewart, Barton-le-Clay, Beds. **Pekingese:** Ch. Yakee Got What It Takes, Mr A *Easdon*, Glasgow. **Pomeranian:** Thelburn No No Nanette: Mrs C Holman, Swansea. **Yorkshire Terrier:** Ch. Ozmilion Mystification, Mr O Sameja, Battersea, London. **Bulldog:** Hilsing History In A Moment, Mrs M Howell, Rochford, Essex. **Japanese Spitz:** Taiost Bold As Brass, Mrs V Moody, Burnham, Bucks. **Leonberger:** *Manorguard Amy*: Mr M Feehin, Enfield, Middx. **Lhasa Apso:** Lynruce Beau Jangles At Kerlin: Mr and Mrs J Anderson, Fife. **Schnauzer:** Ch. Khinjan American Express, Mrs S Hattrell-Peterborough, *Cambs*. **Shar-Pei:** Jordansville Bloomin Lovely At Isola, Mr P Clarkson, Hornchurch, Essex. **Shih-Tzu:** Hashannah Tuff At The Top, Mrs J. Franks, West Bromwich. **Tibetan Spaniel:** *Amcross Pamilla*: Mr I Blackshaw, St Helens. **Tibetan Terrier:** Ch. Araki *Star Performer*, Mrs A Sinclair, Ayr, Scotland.

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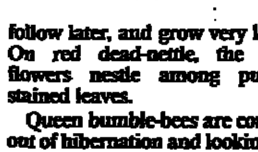

The first sand martins, right, are back, feeding in the air over rivers and lakes. The males will take possession of old nesting-holes in a sandbank, or burrow out new ones, and the females will come and find them there. The holes may eventually be excavated by the new pairs to a depth of three or four feet.

The first song-thrushes are nesting, sometimes in leafless hedges: the nest is coated with grass, and has a lining of mud and rotten wood that the female smooths down with her breast. She will lay four or five blue eggs with a few spots on them. Some precocious blackbirds are also nesting: the nest is similar to the song-thrushes but is always well-lined with dry grass.

The yellow coltsfoot is in flower on clayey roadsides: its leaves will follow later, and grow very large. On red dead-nettle, the pink flowers nestle among purple-stained leaves.

Queen bumble-bees are coming out of hibernation and looking for holes in the ground to make their nests in: they often feed on the coltsfoot.

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BIRTHS

BANATVALA - On 1st March 1995, to Gillian (née Urwin) and Nicholas, a son, Oliver, a brother for Rebecca.

BROOKS - on March 15th to Antonia (née Cuddigan) and Michael, a son, Matthew.

LANE - Ella Maisie. Born at St Mary's Paddington, March 18th. Thankyou to Prof. Beard and his team.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On March 15th very peacefully at home at Downton, nr. Lymington, Joan Ingeborg, aged 86 years. Widow of John Robert, dearly loved mother of Sally and Patience. Will be sadly missed by all her grandchildren. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, March 23rd at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations for British Heart Foundation may be sent to Diamond and Son Funeral Directors, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

BAVERSTOCK - Donald Leighton of Ilkley. Loving husband, father and grandfather died in his sleep on 16th March. For funeral arrangements contact, H Eaton & Sons Tel: Ilkley 0943 607360.

CALDWELL - Sheila, unexpectedly on 16th March 1995, in Cape Town. Beloved wife of Johnnie, mother of Barbie and Olivia and grandmother of Roger, Daniel and Jenny.

DEATON - On Tuesday 14th March, at home, Guy Albert, aged 77 years. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church, Cholesbury, Bucks, at 2pm Monday 27th March. Flowers c/o K Y Green, Marsh Rd, Little Kimble, Aylesbury, Bucks or donations to Ian Rennie Hospice at Home.

DEATHS

ILIC - On March 16th 1995, peacefully, Fiona Margaret Ilic, née MacLean, mother of Demitri and Lindi. Funeral Service Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.30 pm Thursday 23rd March. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

LANE - On March 14th 1995, Professor Ronald Epey Lane C.B.E., aged 97 years. Service at Cheadle Parish Church, Cheshire, on Thursday March 23rd at 2pm. No flowers. Enquiries to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd., tel: (0161) 428-2097.

NINER - Anthony, suddenly 4th March aged 63. Private funeral at Stroud, Glos.

PLOWMAN - On March 15th, at home, Robert Gilbee aged 83 years, beloved husband of Ruth, father of Bindon, Philip and John, father-in-law and grandfather. Private cremation to be followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary-le-Moor, Cadmore End, on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I., Poole, Dorset.

SANDYS - On March 16th, suddenly, Mervyn Edwyn Myles of Graythwaite. Beloved husband of Anna, dearly loved father of Mary, Myles and Harriet, and father-in-law of Camilla. Devoted "Ba-Ba" to Emily, Edward, George, Clarissa and Guy. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Hawkshead, on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Estate Office, Graythwaite, to be divided equally between St Dunstans Fund for War Blinded and St Michaels Church, Hawkshead.

SHARLAND - On 15th March suddenly at home, aged 89, William Sharland F.C.A., past Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Powell Duffryn Group. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Busbridge, nr. Godalming, on 24th March at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Meath Home Appeal Fund, Meath Home, Westbrook Road, Godalming. Enquiries to Terence Burton (nephew), (0892) 824577.

STEPHENS - On March 17th, Stanley William aged 85, formerly Managing Director of Bovril Ltd. and Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Dyers of the City of London 1971-72, dearly loved husband of Sylvia. Funeral Service Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Thursday March 23rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations to The League of Friends of Exmouth Hospital c/o Mr J Murphy, 55 Foxholes Hill, Exmouth, EX8 2PH.

STRINGER - Lewis ("Will"), actor, on 16th March, after a long and hard fight. Greatly missed by Jeff and Pam. Funeral Service in Kensington on Wednesday 22nd March. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA by 4 pm Tuesday 21st March.

WILLS - On March 17th 1995, at home peacefully in her sleep, Rosalind. Dearly loved wife of Geoffrey and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation to be followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough on Thursday March 23rd at midday. Family flowers only but donations in memory for The Marie Curie Nursing Foundation or the Treloar Trust c/o FJ Wilson FD, Greenway, Haddenham, Aylesbury Bucks. HP17 8BJ.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHADWYCK-HEALEY - A Memorial Service for Viola, Lady Chadwyck-Healey will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 2.30 pm, at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, London SW3.

MENEM - Carlos Facundo. The Argentine Embassy invite members of the Argentine community in the United Kingdom, to a religious service in memory of Carlos Facundo Menem, deceased son of Argentine President Carlos Saul Menem. The Service will take place at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3 on Wednesday 22nd March 1995, at 9 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

GEORGE - Denis. Lest you should ever forget, you are the best loved husband and father in the world. We will miss you and love you always. Principina, Nicky, Leila and Sue.

MOSES - Irene Grace Ruth, died 20th March 1994. Sadly missed by Antoinette, John, Isobel and Alan and by her three grandchildren and her many friends.

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OBITUARIES

HOJATOLESLAM AHMAD KHOMEINI

Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khomeini, the surviving son of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, died in Tehran of a heart attack on March 17 aged 50. He was born on March 15, 1945.

AHMAD KHOMEINI was one of the most influential figures in Iran over the past 16 years, venerated as the tangible living symbol of the revolutionary spirit of his father, the Ayatollah Khomeini. During the first decade of the new regime, before his father died in 1989, he acted as the latter's spokesman and chief intermediary with the outside world. He often determined who, among the top officials of the State, would be received by the ayatollah, and he sometimes appeared to commit his father to policies he had not fully pondered. Later, he became the unofficial custodian of the ayatollah's radical legacy and held sway over whatever popular base the State still possessed.

Though he held few official positions, a number of Cabinet ministers were regarded as his nominees. Yet he was perceived by most acquaintances as intellectually inadequate and educationally limited. His indulgence in late-night opium parties at his father's official residence in north Tehran embarrassed the austere patriarch.

He was born in the shrine city of Qom, some 90 miles to the south of Tehran, in exhilarating times for the clergy. Though Iran remained under the occupation of British and Soviet forces, the monarch, Reza Shah, had been deposed and exiled to South Africa four years earlier for his pro-German leanings and his decrees banning the appearance of veiled women on the streets had fallen into abeyance. At the same time, newly-legalised political parties of all kinds sought to attract the allegiance of the young. Most asserted that Islam was incompatible with democracy and modernity.

Ahmad Khomeini's father was at that time earning a living by reciting prayers for illiterate pilgrims or receiving stipends from some "grand ayatollahs", of whom there are usually fewer than a dozen in the world of Shia Islam. Evidence now exists that he was also beginning to associate with the Islamic terrorist organisation, the Fedaian (sacrificials) of Islam, which would later assassinate a long list of politicians and intellectuals. Khomeini senior harboured a special hatred for the royal house of the Pahlavis on account of Reza Shah's persecution of the clergy.

While Ahmad was at a secondary school in Qom in 1963, his father was arrested for leading fundamentalist riots in a number of large cities against a referendum to enfranchise women and to grant agricultural land, including farms administered by the clergy for shrines and religious foundations, to landless peasants. Hundreds of rioters were reportedly killed by the army and Khomeini was exiled to Turkey after the intercession of other senior clerics. From there he went to Iraq two years later, where he remained until the end of 1978.

Ahmad was not taken abroad by his father and his education seems to have been interrupted. Some members of the family moved from Qom to Tehran and Ahmad was selected for one of the capital's better-known football teams, the Shahin, for several years.

In 1977 his elder brother Mustafa was killed in a car crash in Iraq and it fell to Ahmad to become his father's new office manager in the shrine city of Najaf. A year later, when social turmoil was inducing panic in the ailing Shah, Muhammad Reza, President Saddam Hussein expelled Khomeini at the request of the Iranian monarch and he and his family flew to Paris where they found it much easier to communicate with Muslim militants at home.

After their triumphant return to Iran in February 1979, Ahmad was a party to the most sensitive deliberations of the new Islamic State. These included Khomeini's decision, against his previous promises, to take over the formal leadership of the country; his declaration of support for the takeover of the United States Embassy by extremist students; the choice — and the toppling — of Abolhassan Bani-Sadr as the country's first president; the secret arms-for-hostages negotiations with the Reagan Administration; the designation and, in 1989, the dismissal of Ayatollah Montazeri as Khomeini's successor; and the ending of the eight-year war with Iraq in 1988.

On Khomeini's death in June 1989 Ahmad hoped to be chosen as his father's successor, or at least as a member of a small leadership committee. But he was shunned by the Assembly of Experts for his low clerical attainments. Nevertheless, the new leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, felt it necessary to consult him on important decisions and appointed him as his personal representative on the National Security Council. He had free access to the media and could bring about the fall of Cabinet ministers by publicly criticising them. He chose, however, to confine his statements to general condemnations of greed and corruption within the new ruling class.

Ahmad Khomeini is survived by a wife and three sons.

SIR JOHN HANBURY

Sir John Hanbury, CBE, former chairman of the pharmaceutical company Allen and Hanburys, died on March 1 aged 86. He was born on May 26, 1908.

JOHN HANBURY helped to pioneer the mass production of penicillin in response to urgent government demands during the Second World War. As technical director and vice-chairman of the family firm, he saw Britain's pharmaceutical industry double its workforce in ten years to 44,000 by 1947, with an export business second only to that of the United States.

Allen and Hanburys had previously looked upon dried milk for babies, together with malted foods, fruit pastilles and cod liver oil products, as the mainstay of its business. John Hanbury was responsible, however, for the rapid expansion of its chemical research which led it into more exciting areas of activity.

These included the early marketing of insulin, the production of penicillin lozenges — which sold by the million — and also penicillin vials for giving injections.

The firm stopped making infant foods altogether in 1953, five years before Hanbury (by then its chairman) led it into a successful merger with the Glaxo group. It then started to specialise increasingly in developing drugs for respiratory conditions and by the mid-1980s had become a market leader in the field.

John Capel Hanbury had started out as a laboratory technician, albeit one with greater than usual expectations. Born in Enfield, Middlesex — although he was to live most of his life in neighbouring Hertfordshire — he was to inherit a firm founded in 1715.

The Hanburys had originally been Quakers — and connected to the prison reformer Elizabeth Fry — until John's grandparents had switched to the Church of England. His own parents went one step further by converting to Roman Catholicism, and sent their young son to Downside. At the same time they said he was free to choose for himself and it was not until the age of 16 that he finally committed himself to Rome. Having done so, he remained a devoted Catholic throughout his life, working closely with Cardinal Basil Hume on a number of projects.

From Downside he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, to read classics before changing to natural sciences. Then, after graduating there, he moved to the School of Pharmacy in London where he took a second degree. He joined the family firm in 1932.

His work, particularly that with penicillin, constituted a reserved occupation in the war. But he joined the Home Guard as a corporal, eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant; he retained happy memories of guarding nearby Hunsdon Aerodrome. He went onto to the Allen and Hanburys board in 1944, became chairman in 1953 and held the post for 20 years before retiring at the age of 65.

He played a leading role in the drugs industry. At one time or another he dutifully served as a member of the Pharmacopoeia Commission, chairman of the Central Health Services Council and of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers; he was also president of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry and of the Franco-British Pharmaceutical Commission. His continuing association with (and support for) the School of Pharmacy found its appropriate memorial in the school's new John Hanbury Lecture Theatre. He was appointed CBE in 1969 and knighted in 1974.

His speeches were occasionally reported in the national press, particularly those in which he expressed concern over the impact of the thalidomide scare and similar disasters on drugs research. In this area he was quite capable of being controversial. "Over and over again there have been examples of drugs of the utmost value, penicillin included, which have brought life and health to 999 in every 1,000 people but serious problems for the one. Those who say that nothing but complete safety will do are crying for the moon", he once roundly declared.

He was also a member of the Thames Water Authority, 1974-79, which reflected his passion for conservation and cleaner rivers. He took particular pride in the return of salmon to the Thames during his time.

A tall, upright, gentle man with no pretensions, John Hanbury inherited his family's love of horticulture. He helped to restore the famous Hanbury gardens (founded by a cousin) in northern Italy and was a knowledgeable president of his local horticultural society at Ware. He was also president for nearly thirty years of the East Hertfordshire Archaeological Society, an appointment which reflected his other main recreational interest.

John Hanbury's first wife, Joan, died six years ago and he is survived by his second wife, Rosemary, and by two sons and a daughter from his first marriage. A third son died at the age of four in an accident during the war when he fell through an upstairs window while leaning out to watch a troop of tanks drive past.

CAPTAIN RICHARD WHITE

Captain Richard White, DSO and two Bars, wartime destroyer commander, died on March 3 aged 87. He was born on January 29, 1908.

DICK WHITE commanded destroyers continuously throughout the Second World War and also off Korea in the 1950s. Besides being awarded three DSOs he was also three times mentioned in despatches.

At the outbreak of war he was in command of the destroyer *Antelope* and was soon engaged in convoy escort duty. On February 5, 1940, *Antelope* was the sole escort available to protect the outward-bound convoy OB84 when it was attacked south of Ireland by the German submarine U41. Two ships were torpedoed, but *Antelope* counter-attacked single-handed and sank the convoy's assailant. This was a rare success in this early phase of the Battle of the Atlantic and White was awarded his first DSO.

The award of his second DSO followed the sinking, in combination with shore-based aircraft, of U31 during its attack on the transatlantic convoy OB237 in November 1940. U31 had the distinction of being the only submarine ever to be sunk twice.

In March 1940 RAF Bomber Command had scored its first success of the antisubmarine campaign when it sent her to the bottom in a shallow part of the Schillig Roads. But the Germans had been able quickly to salvage her and get her back into service. There was to be no such escape from *Antelope's* and the RAF's *coup de grâce* of November.

In 1941 White was given command of the destroyer *Beagle* and the 4th Escort Group based at Greenock, on the Clyde. The group escorted unscathed a number of convoys to the mid-Atlantic handover point to the US Navy, which, at that time before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor made it a formal combatant, was waging war against the Axis on Britain's side in all but name.

In 1942, in command of the destroyer *Zulu*, he was mentioned in dispatches after *Zulu's* had helped the destroyers *Sikh*, *Croome* and *Tetcott* to sink U372 in the eastern Mediterranean.

Zulu's final action was Operation Agreement in September 1942. This was an assault on Tobruk, originally planned after an urgent request by Auchinleck for some amphibious action to threaten Rommel's supply lines and ease the severe pressure on the Eighth Army. But by the time it took place Rommel had already been halted at Alam Halfa. Alexander had superseded Auchinleck as C-in-C Middle East and Montgomery was newly installed as commander of the Eighth Army. In short, the peril to the Eighth Army which alone would have justified a desperate gamble like Operation Agreement was long since past.

The assault called for 150 soldiers embarked in a score of MTBs and motor launches to land and knock out gun emplacements. Meanwhile, *Zulu* and *Sikh* were to assault the harbour with 350 Royal Marines and sink shipping and wreck installations. Simultaneously, the Long Range Desert Group would carry out a co-ordinated attack from the landward side.

Disaster ensued. A heavy air raid by the RAF did nothing to suppress Tobruk's formidable defences. Only two of the 21 MTBs and MLs got their troops ashore and the assault craft from the destroyers never returned after trying to land the first wave of marines. When, at first light, *Sikh* moved inshore to try to find the assault craft she was crippled by gunfire from the shore. White twice tried to tow *Sikh* out of danger to seaward, but accurate fire, scoring repeated hits on both ships, made this impossible and Captain Micklethwaite of the *Sikh* ordered him to get clear. *Sikh* sank close inshore, many of her crew and the marines being made prisoners.

However painful, it was clearly the right decision on Micklethwaite's part to order *Zulu* to withdraw out of danger. That evening, however, the Luftwaffe, now thoroughly alerted, made further attacks on the anti-aircraft cruiser *Coventry* and her escorts, which had been sent close inshore to support *Zulu*. *Coventry* was bombed, caught fire and was abandoned. Finally, hit by the last bomb of the last attack of the day, *Zulu* herself was badly damaged and eventually sank while under tow. For his gallantry and skill White was awarded the second bar to his DSO.

On D-Day White was second-in-command of the cruiser *Despatch*, providing gunfire support for the assault troops. His final wartime command was the new destroyer *Terpsichore* which took part in actions against the Japanese in 1944 and was present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay in September 1945.

After the war he was briefly second-in-command of the battleship *King George V* in the Far East. This was not a happy commission; there were serious disciplinary problems and a near-mutiny among sailors who were due for demobilisation.

Richard Taylor White was the second son of Sir Archibald White, 4th Bt. He entered Dartmouth in 1921 and before the war served in the Middle East and Caribbean.

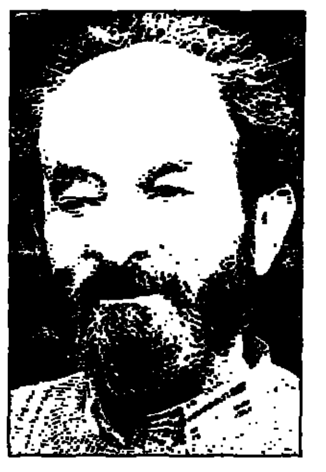
In 1950 he went out to Korea in command of the destroyer *Cossack* and the 8th destroyer squadron. Cossack was active in naval operations up the west coast of the Korean peninsula and in providing bombardment support to land forces. White was captain of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, from 1951 to 1953. His final seagoing appointment was in command of the light fleet carrier *Glory* in the Mediterranean.

White was unlucky not to gain promotion to flag rank; but he had arrived as a senior captain in a climate of drastic defence cuts and, like many good officers, was denied further advancement. He retired in 1955 with a reputation as a fine seaman and leader of men. Charming, straightforward and modest, he inspired devotion and trust.

His second career in industry was with Ventaxia air conditioning and in the motor trade with Sidney Caffyn until 1970. He is survived by his wife Ursula and their three sons and two daughters.

CAREL BIRNIE

Carel Birnie, co-founder and former director of Netherlands Dance Theatre, died from a heart condition in The Hague on March 10 aged 69. He was born on April 20, 1925.



CAREL BIRNIE's involvement in dance began accidentally, but once installed he achieved as much for the art as anyone of his time, helping to found one of the world's most admired companies, the Netherlands Dance Theatre. He made it succeed through all adversity over more than three decades and left it with a unique asset, its own purpose-built theatre.

The son of a doctor in the small Dutch town of Vlaardingen, Birnie set out to follow the same profession, but gave up medicine and in his mid-twenties took charge of an opera company in Utrecht, running it successfully for three years without a subsidy. That was where he developed the flair, financial acumen, patience and tenacity needed for his life's work.

Eventually the opera company had to close, and Birnie was invited as business manager to a small ballet company — one of several from which grew the Dutch National Ballet. But the unbusinesslike ways of the director, Sonia Gaskell, so infuriated him that he decided to leave for other work. Finding, however, that several of the best dancers and the new ballet master Benjamin Harkarvy felt the same way, Birnie agreed to throw in his lot with them in forming their own company. Thus was born, in 1959, the Netherlands Dance Theatre.

With Harkarvy and the young Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen as its first artistic directors, NDT adopted a policy — which has lasted ever since — of constant creative renewal of the repertoire (an amazing average of one new work every month). Many other companies soon took it as a model, including Ballet Rambert for its 1966 relaunch, and even the Royal Ballet with its short-lived New Group in the early 1970s.

To make this productivity possible, Birnie found NDT a home (studios, workshops, offices — even a choreographer's rest room) in a disused school in The Hague, from which they travelled by bus to theatres all over The Netherlands. He rapidly secured overseas engagements too; their first in Britain was at Sunderland, and they were for a decade frequent regular visitors to Sadler's Wells until they outgrew its stage. Acclamation abroad also helped to overcome early lack of acceptance at home.

For two years in the 1970s Birnie himself took over the artistic direction: it was a rumbustious interregnum with creations by the American choreographers Louis Falco and Jennifer Muller. Then in 1975 he took a daring and successful gamble on the ability of the young Czech choreographer Jiri Kylian, under whose directorship the company has gone from strength to strength ever since.

Birnie now devoted his energies to providing NDT with its own theatre. By hoarding the income from foreign tours, and securing both sponsorship and municipal support, he managed in 1987 to have Queen Beatrix open the world's first purpose-built dance theatre — the Danstheatr — in The Hague, with Rem Koolhaas as architect (the first of his admired projects ever to reach completion). There were no frills but every desirable backstage facility, ideal rehearsal and performance conditions, and an excellent view from the thousand and one seats in a surprisingly intimate auditorium.

Birnie's pride in this was touching and entirely justified. He remained director of the theatre until last year, although declining health made him retire from managing NDT in 1991. Even then he took on a new commitment, returning to his first love to work towards a new opera house as a neighbour of the Danstheatr.

Quietly spoken, gentle and humorous, Birnie used tact, ingenuity and persistence to achieve his objectives. His work was recognised by Queen Beatrix in 1993 with the Royal Medal of Initiative and Ingenuity. Birnie bore cheerfully protracted treatment for a heart condition and died quietly in his own home. He is survived by his wife and four sons.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Bramwell Bearcroft, previously NSM, Keyston and Bythorn (Ely): to be Curate (NSM), Cary Deanery (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Richard Bowett, Curate, St Margaret, King's Lynn: to be Vicar, Watton, Carbrooke and Ovington (Norwich).

The Rev Alan Brown, Vicar, St John, Newport and Rural Dean of West Wight (Portsmouth): to be also an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.

The Rev Christine Browne, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Bulwell: to be Team Vicar, Hucknall Team Ministry w particular responsibility for St Peter and St Paul, Hucknall (Southwell).

The Rev David Cawley, Vicar, Eastville (Bristol): to be Vicar, St Mary de Castro, Leicester (Leicester).

The Rev Ian Challis, permission to officiate, diocese Salisbury: to be NSM, Canford Magna Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Brian Craddock, Priest-in-charge, Bury and Houghton (Chichester): to be Chaplain, Mojacar, Spain (Europe).

The Rev Canon Philip Crowe, formerly Principal, Salisbury and Wells Theological College (Salisbury): to resign his prebendal stall at Salisbury Cathedral, and to be Team Rector, Overton and Erbistock and Penley (Clwyd/St Asaph).

The Rev Wendy Dudley, Assistant Curate, Saints Philip and James, Hodge Hill: to be Team Vicar, Saints Philip and James, Hodge Hill (Birmingham).

The Rev Christopher Engelsen, Team Vicar, Seacroft (Ripon): to be Priest-in-charge, Foulsham, Hindolveston and Guestwick (Norwich).

The Rev John Fairbairn, Curate-in-charge, St Peter, Edgware (London): to be Rector, St Peter w St Benedict, Gunton (Norwich).

The Ven Anthony Foottit, Archdeacon of Lynn: now also Priest-in-charge, Cockley Cley w Gooderstone; Great Cressingham (LEP), Little Cressingham w Threxton; Didlington; Hilborough w Bodney; Oxborough w Foulden (Norwich).

The Rev Robin Gamble, Vicar, St Augustine's, Bradford, and Adviser in Evangelism (part-time), diocese Bradford: to be Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism (full-time), same diocese.

The Rev David Grundy, Curate, St Mark and St Martin, Kensal Rise (London): to be Vicar, Snettisham, Ingoldisthorpe and Fring (Norwich).

The Rev Jimmy Hamilton-Brown, retired: now Priest-in-charge (half time), Tarrant Valley (Salisbury).

The Rev Leslie Harman, Team Vicar, St Mark, Hitchin: to be Vicar, Royston (St Albans).

The Rev Nigel Hartley, Priest-in-charge, Hintlesham w Chattisham and Radio Officer (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Priest-in-charge, Great Finborough w Onehouse, Harleston, Buxhall and Shelland, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Johnston, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Edmund and St Mark, Wootton, Isle of Wight: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Holy Trinity, Ryde w St Michael and All Angels, Swanmore, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Brian Llewellyn, Rector, Hethersett w Canteloff (LEP), and Great and Little Melton, and Rural Dean of Humbleyard: to be Priest-in-charge, Smallburgh, Dilham, Honing and Crostwight (Norwich).

The Rev Anne Lovegrove, Assistant Curate, Thorley: to be Vicar, St Oswald, Croxley Green (St Albans).

The Rev Philip McAvoy, Curate, St James', West End (Winchester): to be Team Vicar, Swanage and Studland Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Andrew Martlew, Diocesan Schools Officer, and Vicar, St Peter, Warmfield, diocese Wakefield: to be Director of Education, diocese of York.

The Rev Rodney Middleton, Vicar, St Francis of Assisi, Kew: to be Vicar, St James, Haydock (Liverpool).

The Rev Peter Moger, Assistant Curate, Whitby (York): to be Precentor of Ely Cathedral (Ely).

The Rev Francis Myatt, Curate, St Luke, West Derby: to be Team Vicar, All Saints, Sutton (Liverpool).

The Rev Andrew Perry, Curate, All Saints, Bath Weston w St Martin's, North Stoke (Bath and Wells): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary's, Longfleet (Salisbury).

The Rev George Royle, Vicar, St Peter, Hayling and St Mary, Hayling w the Conventional District of St Andrew, Hayling Island (Portsmouth): to be also an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.

ON THIS DAY

March 20 1946

Among those tried for crimes against peace and humanity at Nuremberg in 1946-47 were 24 Nazi leaders. Ten were hanged, a fate evaded by Göring, who committed suicide.

GÖRING'S TALKS ON EVE OF WAR
SWEDE'S EVIDENCE AT NUREMBERG

From Our Special Correspondent

NUREMBERG, March 19

The dispassionate dignity of the Nuremberg court was disturbed when Mr Justice Jackson, chief prosecutor for the United States, interrupted his cross-examination of Göring to appeal to the Tribunal that the prisoner's answers were unresponsive and a virtual waste of time. "This man," he protested, "is adopting in the dock and the stand an arrogant and contemptuous attitude towards a tribunal which is giving him a trial which he never gave a living soul."...

The Swedish industrialist Birger Dahlerus, chief witness in Göring's defence, had been called by Göring to testify to the part he had played as an intermediary between London and Berlin before the war, but it can only be concluded that neither the prisoner nor his counsel has read the witness's book called "The Last Attempt". Sir David Maxwell Fyfe had to do little more than take the witness over some of the passages of his book.

"You agree", asked counsel, referring to Hr. Dahlerus's interviews on the eve of war, "that the Chancellor was abnormal, the Reich-Marshal was in a state of crazy intoxication, and that, according to Göring, the Foreign Minister was a would-be murderer who wanted to sabotage your aircraft?" Witness firmly answered "Yes".

Inquiring into the state of mind of the German rulers at the time, counsel gained confirmation of the witness's narrative. Hitler at one of his meetings with Hr. Dahlerus had suddenly shouted: "If there should be war I will build U-boats, U-boats, U-boats by the thousand." His voice became more and more indistinct, and then he had shrieked: "Aeroplanes, aeroplanes by the thousand." He seemed more like a phantom from a storybook than a real person, recorded Hr. Dahlerus, but Göring did not turn a hair. From the beginning of the conversation, he had resented Hitler's attitude towards Göring, his most intimate friend and comrade from the years of struggle. The obsequious humility expected of him seemed repellent to Hr. Dahlerus, who realized that the man he was dealing with was not normal.

He had gained the impression that Ribbentrop was doing everything he could to wreck his endeavours for peace, and he described how Göring's solemn manner had surprised him before his last flight to London.

Later on Göring had led him to believe that Ribbentrop had tried to arrange for his aeroplane to crash. At this statement Ribbentrop, in the dock, tore his earphones off, threw his hands in the air in protest, and leaning across Hess, engaged Göring in excited conversation. It was the most animated moment the Nuremberg trial has known. Later on Göring, in re-examination, dismissed the account as ridiculous, stating that Hr. Dahlerus was flying to London in the prisoner's own aircraft at the time.

NEWS

Clinton snubs Major over VE-Day

■ President Clinton delivered a strong rebuff to John Major during a tense 25-minute telephone conversation aimed at healing the deepening rift between the two leaders.

Mr Clinton confirmed that he would not be attending VE-Day celebrations in Britain next month and surprised the Prime Minister by saying that he would be going to Moscow instead. He is to send the Vice-President, Al Gore, to represent America at the British ceremony .... **Pages 1, 16**

Baring trust cuts off charity funding

■ The Baring Foundation, the charitable trust formerly funded by Barings bank, has told 700 arts, medical and social welfare groups that it will be unable to meet any of their requests for funding. The foundation received about £12 million a year from the bank until its collapse .... **Pages 2, 17**

Message of hope

A woman whose son recovered from leukaemia despite being told that he would not survive urged the parents of "Girl B" never to give up hope in a letter to *The Times* .... **Pages 1, 17**

Queen in South Africa

The Queen arrived in South Africa for the first time in 48 years, beginning the first state visit of her reign to a country recently readmitted to the Commonwealth after decades of international isolation .... **Page 1**

Lottery handouts

A school sports centre and a village cricket club are among recipients of the National Lottery's first donations .... **Pages 1, 16**

Clarke under pressure

Rightwingers increased pressure on Kenneth Clarke to toe the government line on tax cuts and Europe in a concerted attempt to isolate the Chancellor .... **Page 2**

Drug ban urged

Scottish doctors are calling for the sleeping drug Temazepam to be banned because it is contributing to the deaths and mutilation of drug addicts. It is also being peddled in schools .... **Page 3**

Co-ed takeover

A wave of independent schools switching to co-education has raised fears that single-sex schooling will disappear in some areas by 2000 .... **Page 5**

Arguing the points

The battle to save one of the most romantic train journeys in Europe, the West Highland sleeper from London to Fort William, began in earnest last week as the 20.25 left Euston .... **Page 6**

Male health alert

Men are dangerously ignorant about the growing menaces of prostate and testicular cancer, according to a survey. They are also complacent about their health in general and do not regularly consult a doctor, with the result that many die from preventable conditions .... **Page 8**

Bishops attack welfare

Roman Catholic bishops in the United States have condemned plans to stop welfare payments for many children born out of wedlock .... **Page 9**

Kabul rebels ousted

Afghan government forces drove the Taleban students' army from its base ten miles south of Kabul in a dawn attack with rockets and artillery, clearing the capital of opposition militias for the first time in three years .... **Page 10**

EU seeks Russia pact

In a move that foreshadows fresh transatlantic tensions, European Union Foreign Ministers announced an informal agreement to work towards a "non-aggression" pact between Nato and Russia .... **Page 11**

Drake historians lay claim to Cape

■ Four hundred years after his death Sir Francis Drake has sailed into an international dispute over who discovered Cape Horn. Historians on both sides of the Atlantic are pressing for Drake to be credited with the discovery of the most southerly tip of South America in 1578, but the Dutch are insisting that the explorer Schouten was first in 1615 .... **Page 5**

CHRIS HARRIS

High noon for two tower blocks that were demolished at midday yesterday. More than 500lb of explosives was used to bring down the 19-storey blocks in Hackney, east London, which are to be replaced by low-rise homes. A building 10ft away was unscathed

BUSINESS

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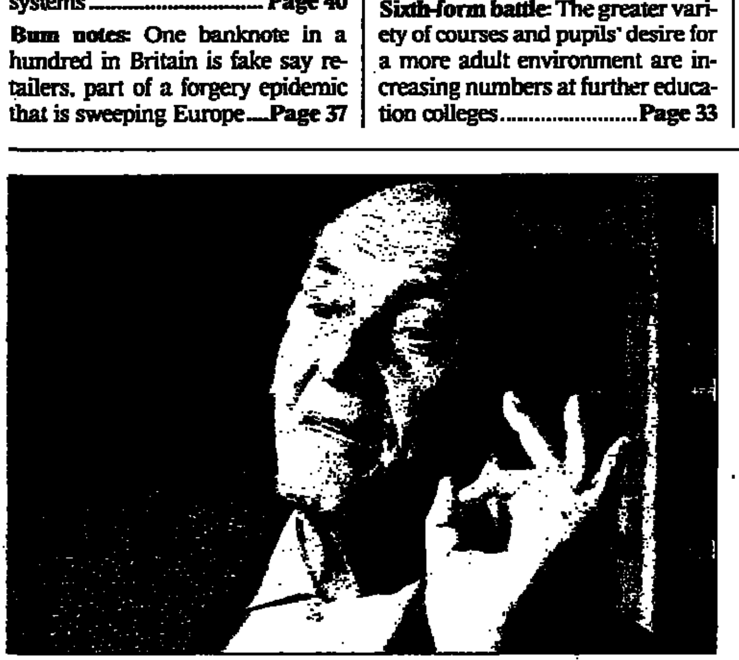

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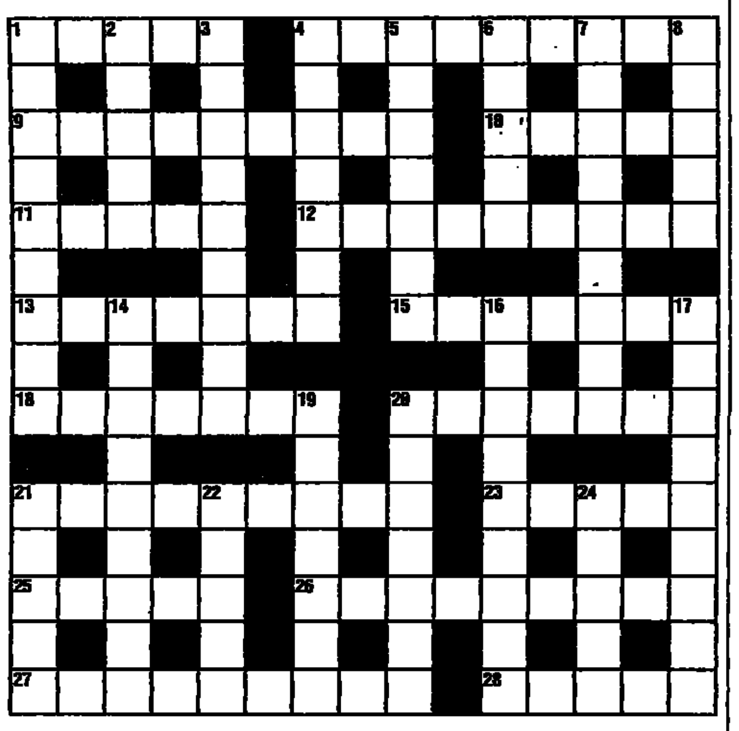

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.37in; highest sunshine: Scilly Isles, 9.7hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** In England and Wales there will be coastal showers in the east and northwest, wintry in places, otherwise it will be dry. There will be clear or sunny periods. Scotland will have wintry showers in the north and east, becoming confined to northeast coasts. Otherwise it will be dry with sunny periods. Windy in the northeast. Northern Ireland will have isolated showers, then mainly fair with bright periods.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** clear, slight frost quickly lifting. Sunny periods, generally dry. Winds light or moderate northwest. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** clear or sunny periods. Isolated wintry showers, mainly coastal. Winds moderate or fresh north or northwest. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** clear periods, isolated coastal showers at first. Sunny periods, mostly dry later. Winds light northwest or variable. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny intervals and squally wintry showers, fewer showers by evening. Northerly winds, gale at first. Max 5C (41F) to 7C (45F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** clear or sunny intervals and blustery showers, dying out. Strong northerly winds becoming light and variable. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** much of the country will be settled and dry, with night frosts. Rain in northwest.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.6	0.02	8	46	s	Littlehmptn	7.1	-	11	52	s
Anglesey	6.2	0.06	10	50	sh	Liverpool	7.6	0.02	9	48	s
Aspatria	2.8	0.24	8	46	sh	London	5.8	0.01	11	52	b
Aviemore	2.1	0.19	4	39	sn	Lowestoft	8.7	-	12	54	sh
Belfast	3.6	0.19	8	46	h	Manchester	X				
Birmingham	7.1	-	11	52	h	Margate	8.2	-	12	54	s
Bognor R	6.0	-	11	52	s	Minehead	4.7	0.09	11	52	sh
Bournem'th	5.1	-	11	52	b	Morecambe	6.3	0.09	7	45	sh
Bristol	5.7	0.08	10	50	b	Newcastle	7.6	0.06	9	48	sh
Buxton	7.0	0.02	7	45	s	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	5.2	0.03	10	50	sh	Norwich	8.6	-	11	52	s
Clacton	8.7	0.20	11	52	s	Nottingham	X	4	52	b	
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	7.2	-	11	52	sh
Colwyn Bay	7.9	0.11	11	52	s	Penzance	0.4	0.06	11	52	sh
Cromer	8.5	-	11	52	s	Plymouth	0.5	0.03	9	48	sh
Doncaster	8.0	0.08	10	50	s	Poole	4.4	0.02	12	54	b
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.11	10	50	sh
Eastbourne	6.5	-	10	50	s	Ross-o-wye	7.8	-	11	52	s
Edinburgh	0.5	0.09	5	41	sl	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	1.3	0.21	4	39	sn	Salcombe	1.5	0.05	11	52	c
Exmouth	1.0	0.04	10	50	c	Sandown	4.9	0.01	11	52	b
Falmouth	X	0.06	11	52	c	Saunton Snd	3.7	0.13	10	50	b
Fishguard	7.7	-	9	48	s	Scarboro'	8.4	0.12	9	48	s
Folkestone	8.7	-	12	54	s	Scilly Isles	-	0.08	11	52	sh
Glasgow	0.5	0.40	5	41	sl	Shanklin	4.7	0.01	10	50	b
Guernsey	-	0.13	12	54	d	Shrewsbury	8.6	0.02	10	50	sh
Hastings	7.2	-	11	52	s	Skegness	10.3	0.10	11	52	s
Hayling I.	6.5	-	10	50	s	Southsea	6.9	-	10	50	s
Herne Bay	7.3	-	11	52	s	Stornoway	6.8	0.13	7	45	sh
Hove	7.3	-	9	48	s	Swanage	2.5	-	10	50	c
Hunstanton	8.5	-	10	50	s	Teignmouth	0.9	0.04	10	50	c
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	5.7	0.01	10	50	s
Isle of Man	6.0	0.03	9	48	s	Tiree	0.7	0.10	5	41	c
Jersey	0.7	0.25	11	52	r	Torquay	0.6	0.02	11	52	c
Kinloss	6.8	0.11	7	45	sh	Tynemouth	6.4	-	9	48	c
Leeds	8.0	0.14	9	48	sh	Ventnor	4.0	-	10	50	b
Lerwick	4.4	0.04	4	39	h	West-s-mare	X				
Leuchars	2.8	-	8	46	b	Weymouth	1.7	0.02	10	50	c

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	c	Corfu	16	61	s	Majorca	17	63	f	Rome	15	59	c
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Dublin	7	45	f	Malaga	20	68	s	Salzburg	9	48	r
Alex'dria	18	64	c	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malta	18	64	s	S F'risco	14	57	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Faro	18	64	s	Melb'rne	16	61	c	Santiago	-	--	
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Florence	15	59	c	Mexico C	20	68	s	S Paulo	27	81	f
Athens	18	64	s	Frankfurt	6	43	s	Miami	27	81	f	Seoul	9	48	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Funchal	17	63	s	Milan	15	59	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	13	55	s	Montreal	5	41	c	St'kholm	4	39	c
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	17	63	s	Moscow	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	7	45	r
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	2	36	c	Munich	7	45	r	Sydney	21	70	f
Belgrade	20	68	s	Hong K	17	63	f	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tangier	19	66	s
Berlin	6	43	c	Innsbrck	15	59	f	Naples	15	59	c	Tel Aviv	19	66	f
Bermuda	21	70	f	Istanbul	13	55	s	N Delhi	30	86	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Biarritz	14	57	s	Jeddah	30	86	s	N York	12	54	s	Tokyo	11	52	f
Borde'x	16	61	f	Jo'burg	29	84	f	Nice	19	66	s	Toronto	8	46	s
Brussels	8	46	c	Karachi	30	86	s	Oslo	4	39	f	Tunis	22	72	s
Budapst	14	57	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Paris	8	46	f	Valencia	22	72	s
B Aires	33	91	f	Le Touqet	8	46	f	Peking	14	57	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	c
Cairo	24	75	f	Lisbon	16	61	s	Perth	31	88	s	Venice	13	55	f
Cape Tn	20	68	f	Locarno	15	59	s	Prague	6	43	f	Vienna	13	55	c
Chicago	13	55	s	L Angels	16	61	f	Reykjavik	-7	19	s	Warsaw	9	48	f
Ch'church	18	64	-	Luxembg	6	43	f	Rhodes	18	64	s	Wash'ton	14	57	c
Cologne	9	48	f	Luxor	26	79	c	Rio de J	30	86	f	Wel'ngton	17	63	r
C'phagn	6	43	f	Madrid	17	63	s	Riyadh	31	88	s	Zurich	11	52	r

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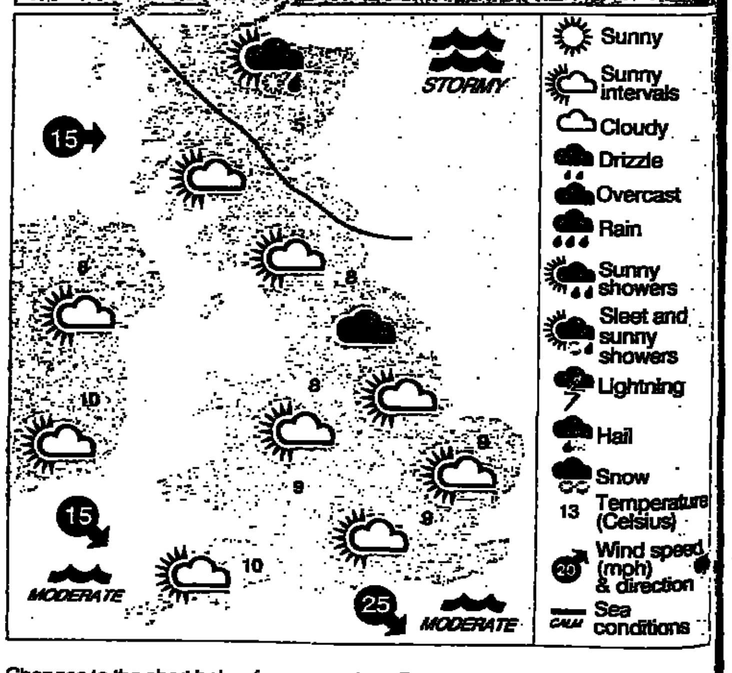

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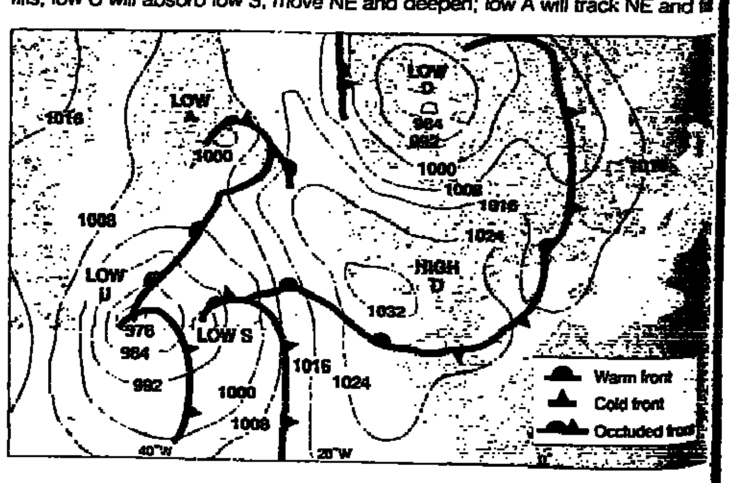

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Aberdeen	3.19	4.31	3.36	4.42	Liverpool	1.00	9.74	1.18	[illegible]
Avonmouth	9.15	13.81	9.36	13.52	Lowestoft	11.32	2.42	11.52	[illegible]
Belfast	0.39	3.39	1.05	3.61	Margate	1.43	4.96	2.06	4.91
Cardiff	9.01	12.39	9.23	12.10	Milford Haven	8.10	7.23	8.32	[illegible]
Devonport	7.58	5.48	8.16	5.38	Newquay	6.58	7.20	7.20	[illegible]
Dover	0.40	6.87	0.59	6.70	Oban	7.20	3.97	7.50	[illegible]
Dublin	1.13	4.14	1.42	4.27	Penzance	6.36	5.61	6.57	[illegible]
Falmouth	6.56	5.40	7.13	5.19	Portland	8.53	2.09	9.15	[illegible]
Glasgow	2.56	4.55	3.07	4.25	Portsmouth	1.06	4.80	1.28	[illegible]
Harwich	1.38	4.10	2.02	3.39	Shoreham	0.56	6.51	1.16	[illegible]
Holyhead	-	-	0.20	5.72	Southampton	0.26	4.77	0.47	[illegible]
Hull	8.14	7.65	8.31	7.84	Swansea	8.24	9.91	8.44	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	7.58	9.55	8.18	9.46	Tees	5.41	5.37	5.58	[illegible]
King's Lynn	8.12	7.15	8.33	7.32	W'ton-on-Nze	1.33	4.53	1.59	[illegible]

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Sun rises: 6.05 am
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Slumbering audience needs more of Moore

ANDREW LONGMORE

TV ACTION REPLAY

We had to wait 4½ hours, wade through endless waffle, even watch 80 minutes of fairly turgid rugby to reach it. Yet it came in the end, just as Sweet Smooth Steve (Ryder) was congratulating himself on another effortless glide through *Grandstand* (BBC1), just as Bill McLaren was packing up his five nations' vocabulary for another year and the viewers were wondering whether their afternoon could not have been more profitably spent. Suddenly, without warning, there it was, visible through the gaps in the teeth of Brian Moore. Controversy.

It was so unlucky really. Little Nigel (Starmer-Smith) was only asking the obvious post-match questions, expecting the obvious post-match answers, nothing more. Yet he had to ask Moore. And what did Moore say? Not, what a great game, pleased for the lads, worked so hard, Scots gave us a good run for the money we should be paid but are not, sets us up nicely for the World Cup. No, he said that he felt sorry for the spectators, that Scotland messed up the game.

"We wanted to play rugby, but we were constantly stopped by a side who just wanted to kill the ball," he said. "They did what they came to do, which, quite frankly, was not very much. They ruined the whole game."

Back in the studio, Ryder gamely flicked the ball down the line to John Jeffery, the former Scotland flanker, who caught it at full tilt. "Difficult to know which shoulder that chip came from," he said. "Knock-on from 1990. Unbelievable. No, entirely believable coming from Brian Moore."

Disaster, ruination. All the good work, all the good-natured banter, all the previews showing what jolly good chaps these rugby types are, all the camera angles which deftly defused any moment of physical violence, all the McLaren *bonhomie*, undone in a second by the outrageous suggestions: a) that it had been a pretty poor game, and b) that the Scots had not come to play, when, for the whole of the afternoon, the BBC had been persuading us that this was one of the greatest sporting occasions to grace the planet.

To be fair, we had good warning that the whole thing might be a bit over the top when the opening credits were imbued with a quasi-religious quality, a bunch of red roses falling dramatically on a white cloth against a rendering of *Jerusalem* and a picture of blessed Will (Carling) crossing himself. Had Ryder thrown in Bannockburn and Culloden before adding that this was "a kingdom divided", the introduction could not have been more portentous. "The match which means everything." Yes, Rider, but still only a rugby match.

Yet the BBC were off and running by then. At 1.15 — "England have arrived" followed by a picture of the stadium scene. "It's empty, as you can see." A minute later, a traffic jam in the car park. Then, Jonathan Webb clutching a can of beer, then three more ex-England stalwarts and a few Scots clutching cans of beer, then a rundown of England's pre-match lunch — Waldorf salad, chicken chasseur and bread and butter pudding — and, finally, the two Bills (McLaren and Beaumont) and the match itself.

McLaren was, as ever, in fine form. "A splendid rear view," he intoned as Victor Ubogu changed his shorts, and "it was like a fluffed four-wood" as Andrew's second penalty goal climbed apologetically over the bar. Yet, after an hour of this, a funny thing happened. Boredom set in, not caused by the match itself, but by the seamless flow of the commentary and the slick, clichéd, camerawork. Kick, close-up of kicker, McLaren's dark voice — "another product from the Merchiston Castle nursery" — accompanied by the thumping great assumption that you might know what or where Merchiston Hall is. It was all too clubby. International rugby has moved on.

McLaren has lost the priceless art of keeping quiet. When Rob Andrew is about to kick an important penalty, you do not want to be cluttered with a heap of statistics. What matters most is the tension of the moment and the context of the match. Silence is the best way to convey both.

Beaumont's problem is that McLaren reports and analyses at the same time, leaving little room for further comment. The coverage desperately needs a bit of variety, a change of pace, even a whisper of controversy. To be precise, it needs Brian Moore.

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Birdies run freely for Faldo and Olazábal

From Mel Webb in Orlando

THERE is an attraction here in the theme park capital of the world called Wet and Wild, but it has not been necessary in the past couple of days to go anywhere near the place to experience total immersion. The torrential rain that has tumbled in the past 48 hours has bedevilled the Nestlé Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill, and its aftermath continued to be felt yesterday.

It all started on Friday, when thunder and lightning brought the players off the course in early afternoon, and then it rained, and rained. Noah would have been in his element.

There were 68 players left on the course when play was suspended for the day, and they had to complete their rounds on Saturday morning. More rain, for getting on for two hours, in the afternoon meant that darkness fell before the third round could be finished.

Fortunately, overnight thunderstorm warnings prompted tournament officials to mount a damage-limitation exercise; they sent the players off in threes from the tees at the 1st and 10th. If they had not done that, there would have been no chance of completing 72 holes.

At one over par, Nick Faldo was in danger of missing the cut when he squelched off the course on soggy Friday, but he recovered to finish with a 73, and went through to the last two rounds in a level-par 144.

He was still at odds with his game when he started his third round. He bogeyed the 1st, but birdied the 3rd, then the 9th to reach the turn in 35, and picked up another shot on the 10th.

Darkness forced him to return to the clubhouse after he had played 14 holes, but the disruption that fragmented rounds sometimes causes would have no effect on Faldo. Such are his powers of concentration that he could putt through a rendition of the *1812 Overture*, cannons and all.

He was out bright and early yesterday morning, and lit the blue touch-paper when he birdied his first hole of the day, the 15th. Then came the fireworks as he eagled the 16th, birdied the 17th and had a par on the 18th to complete an inward half of 31 and a round of 66. "I've not been making too many putts this week, but I managed to get a few to drop today," he said.

Faldo's score was matched by José Maria Olazábal, who made the cut with a shot to spare. Still limping slightly as he continued to recover from surgery to his right big toe in January, Olazábal produced a flawless round that contained six birdies, including three in five holes from the 1st.

In spite of their bagful of birdies, Faldo and Olazábal were still not the leading Europeans as the tournament went into the final round. That distinction belonged to Jesper Parnevik, the Swede who threw away the Open Championship last year when he failed to keep his eye on the leaderboard.

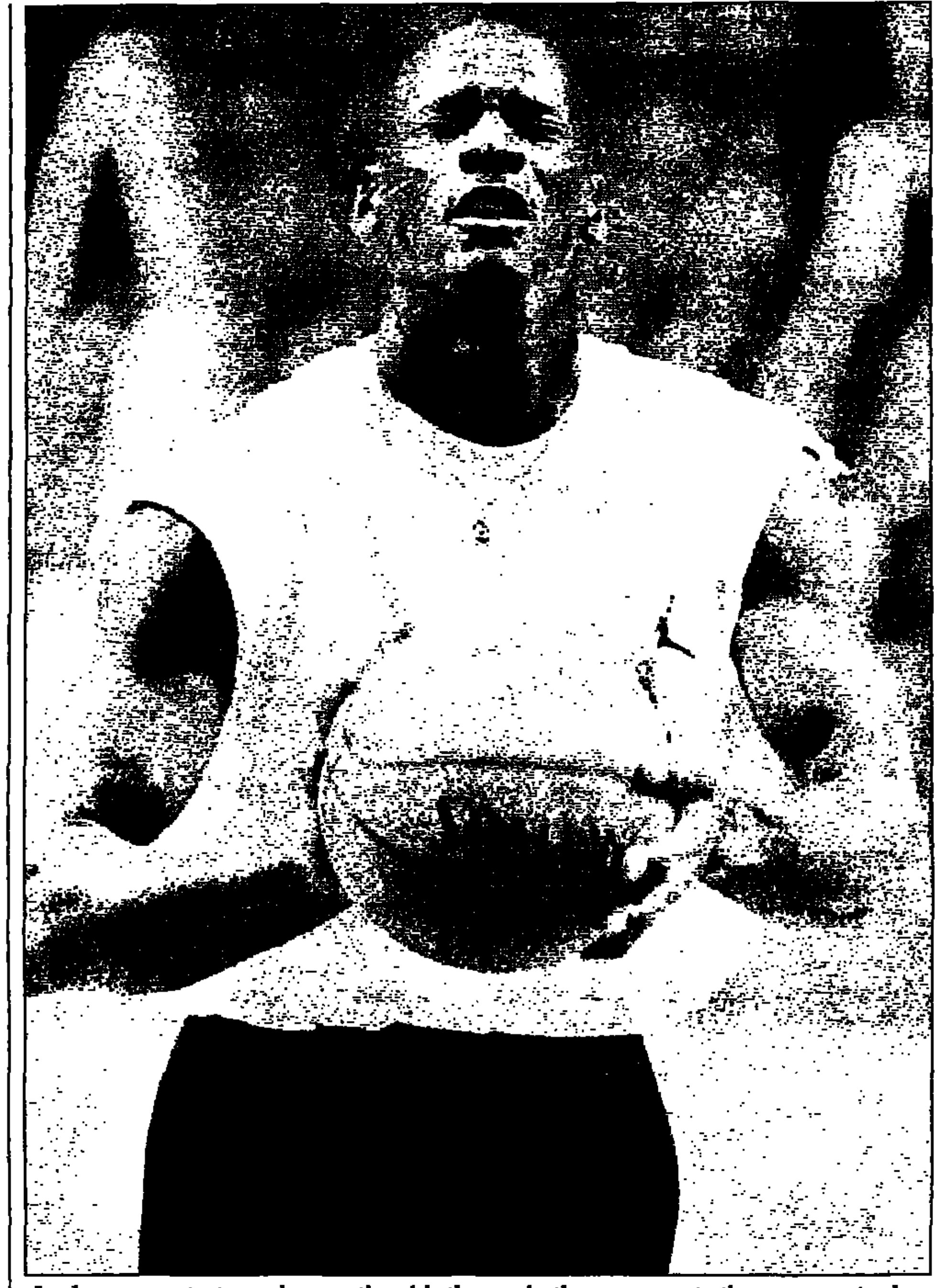
Parnevik, who plies his trade full-time on the US Tour these days, had a 67 to add to his earlier 67 and 72; not bad for a man who was not originally invited to the party. He was an alternate at the beginning of the week, and got into the tournament only when Tim Simpson withdrew.

"I'm not 100 per cent happy with my game, but I'm pleased still to have a chance to win the tournament," he said. With six shots to make up on Loren Roberts, the leader and defending champion, he was hardly likely to do that.

SCORES

LEADERS AFTER THREE ROUNDS (US unless stated). 201: L Roberts 68, 65, 68 203: B Faxon 69, 70, 64 206: J Parnevik (Swe) 67, 72, 67, P Jacobsen 70, 68, 68; B Lohr 69, 70, 67 207: M McNulty (Zim) 68, 72, 67. 208: M McCumber 69, 70, 69. D Pohl 72, 67, 69; S Stricker 67, 72, 69; D Love 69, 66, 73 209: V Singh (Fiji) 73, 70, 66, D Forsman 70, 72, 67, E Aubrey 74, 67, 68, N Price (Zim) 71, 70, 68; F Funk 70, 71, 68, K Gibson 74, 70, 65, F Couples 68, 71, 70 Others: 210: G Norman (Aus) 71, 69, 70; N Faldo (GB) 71, 73, 66, J M Olazabal (Sp) 75, 69, 66. 213: C Montgomerie (GB) 73, 70, 70

MICHAEL CONROY



Jordan concentrates as he practises his throws in the warm-up to the game yesterday

Jordan fails to find form

By Our Sports Staff

THE much-anticipated return to the basketball court of Michael Jordan brought no pyrotechnics yesterday in Indianapolis as he struggled to find his form after an absence of more than 17 months.

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to three consecutive National Basketball Association (NBA) championships, did not look like the same player who stunned the game with his retirement on October 6, 1993.

Jordan's last NBA game was the championship decider in June of 1993, and it showed. He missed with his opening six attempts at a basket before making the first of two first-half baskets with 4min 04sec remaining in the second quarter.

He hit another 15-foot jump shot with 1min 03sec left, but the Indiana Pacers led his Bulls 47-37 at half-time.

Jordan's first point had come when he hit the second of two free throws in the second quarter. For the half, he totalled seven points, two rebounds, one assist, one steal and two fouls.

The start of the game was delayed 23 minutes so that Jordan's entrance and pre-game shoot-around could be televised.

The crowd of more than 16,000 at Indiana's Market Square Arena was on its feet before the warm-up, cheering.

An enormous roar went up when Jordan entered, wearing the No 45 that he wore in his brief baseball career, rather than his old No 23, which was retired by the Bulls in a ceremony last November.

During the playing of the American anthem, Jordan stared at the floor, chewing intensely on a piece of gum and rocking nervously back and forth from foot to foot, looking up just before the end of the song.

He failed to connect on any of his five attempts in the first quarter, though he had a fine assist to Scottie Pippen and a steal off Rik Smits.

The hype surrounding Jordan's return appeared to have affected the Bulls early, as Pippen fired off two airballs and Toni Kukoc bounced a clear shot off the rim.

Stich leads eight seeds towards early exit in Florida

From Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent
in Key Biscayne

THE seeds traditionally start late at the Lipton championships here in Florida, but, this year, they are leaving early. The first appearances, over the weekend, of Michael Stich, Richard Krajicek, Stefan Edberg, Paul Haarhuis, Karel Novacek, Guy Forget, Petr Korda and Todd Martin, all leading figures in the men's field, turned out to be their last.

The departure of Stich, the most prominent of the extended group of victims, was arguably the most predictable. The German capitulates so often nowadays that he is in danger of being branded unprofessional. Surly on court and churlish off it, he gives the impression of being habitually distracted.

After his latest desultory performance, against Michael Joyce, of the United States, who had never before won two successive matches on the ATP Tour during an undistinguished career, Stich was shamefully ungracious. "I just don't like playing here in Miami, in Florida," he said. "I don't think it's worth probably coming back again."

Although he added that he "had nothing against the tournament", the organisers will doubtless feel that they can do without him. Meanwhile, Joyce, 22, ranked 126th in the world, was detained for scarcely an hour before being ushered through to the last 32.

Joyce had never before beaten a player in the world top ten, and nor had Paul Kilderry. Kilderry, 21, from Perth, took Michael Chang to four sets in the Australian Open, but he had to survive three matches in the qualifying competition here before earning a place among the elite.

Though barely a member of the world's top 200, Kilderry came through a more competitive duel than had Joyce, against Krajicek, the giant No 6 seed from Holland, and Kilderry's improbable triumph was matched by Mark Philippoussis, a younger Australian compatriot, who knocked out Harrrhuis, another seeded player from Holland.

Despite being ranked as low as 149th, Philippoussis, 19, made a profound impact during the Australian Open, where he pushed Edberg to the limit. The Swede then predicted that he would have a bright future, but the former world No 1 continues to approach the twilight of his own career.

Edberg's early elimination no longer provokes bewilderment, even when he bows out in straight sets to an opponent ranked outside the top 100, as was the case yesterday. He yielded to Karsten Braasch, a German known largely for his comical service action.

He resembles a windmill out of control. "When I see my service on television," Braasch said, "even I have to laugh at myself." At least it is effective.

Edberg completed his downfall with a double fault. Meanwhile, Novacek, the No 19 seed, was worn down by Mats Wilander.

☐ Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the top seed and world No 9, overwhelmed Guillaume Raoux, his unseeded French opponent, 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the St Petersburg Open. The Russian, 21, disposed of the world No 136 in just 48 minutes to capture his second ATP title since breaking into the top ten, earlier this year.

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Davies remains on course to keep title

From Patricia Davies in Phoenix

ON A soft desert morning, with a little, cooling cloud cover and no breeze to speak of — conditions ripe for good scoring — Laura Davies yesterday set about trying to win the Standard Register Ping golf tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, for the second successive year.

Having shared the lead on the first day, on 69, four under par, Davies moved out in front, two shots ahead of Beth Daniel, her old American rival, with rounds of 68 and 70. After six holes of the last round, the Englishwoman was still in front at 12 under, only one ahead of Daniel and three ahead of Wendy Ward, the United States amateur champion.

Davies had 17 birdies in the first 54 holes. Another at the short 2nd yesterday moved her to 13 under par, three ahead of Daniel and five ahead of Ward, before she dropped a shot at the par-four 6th.

Ward, 21, the local favourite because she is a member of the all-conquering women's golf team at Arizona State University, intends turning professional when she finishes college this year. She is tall, confident, hits the ball a long way and should do well.

At 6,483 yards, Moon Valley is the longest course on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour and Davies, the longest hitter on the tour, has discovered that it suits her. She by no means uses her driver everywhere, but, this year, wielding a new, slightly square-shaped implement designed by Maruman, her club suppliers, she is hitting it straight and far when she does use it.

LEADERS AFTER THREE ROUNDS (US unless stated). 207: L Davies (GB) 69, 68, 70. 209: E Daniel 69, 69, 71. 211: *W Ward 69, 71, 71. 212: M Edge 71, 73, 68; E King 73, 71, 68. 213: R Jones 73, 70, 70; J Pitcock 70, 70, 73; M Redman 71, 69, 73. 214: M Morris 71, 72, 71, K Weiss 70, 73, 71; M McGann 70, 73, 71, M Estill 72, 70, 72. D Mochrie 71, 71, 72; N Lopez 72, 70, 72. K Peterson-Parker 71, 70, 73 Other British: 217: P Johnson 72, 72, 73, C Pierce 70, 74, 73 220: S Maynor 72, 75, 73; A Nicholas 71, 74, 75 222: S Strudwick 71, 75, 76

Portuguese play-off win for Hunter

ADAM HUNTER, a Glaswegian golfer who has never finished higher than fifth on the European Tour since turning professional in 1984, won the Portuguese Open at Penha Longa yesterday. He won at the first hole of a play-off with Darren Clarke, from Ulster. Hunter, 31, splashed out of a bunker to five feet and sank the birdie putt to collect the £50,000 first prize.

Earlier, Hunter thought that he might have lost his chance when he missed an eight-foot eagle putt at the last. Paul McGinley, from Dublin, was leading, but he bogeyed four of the last five holes to slip to joint-fourth.

Clarke's 12-foot birdie putt on the short 17th brought him level. With the long 18th to come, Clarke was favourite, but he drove into rough and left a 20-footer for victory short of the hole. The two therefore tied on 277, 11 under par. Hunter scoring 68 and Clarke 70, and they returned to the 18th tee for the play-off.

Hoyer uses analyses to remarkable effect

By Richard Eaton

POUL-ERIK HOYER, the European badminton champion, caused one of the biggest surprises in the tournament when he overcame Heryanto Arbi, the defending champion and world No 1, 17-16, 15-6 in a riveting final in the Yonex All-England championships — the world's oldest tournament — at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham on Saturday.

The triumph of the elegant left-handed Dane caused the question why the English cannot find a champion to be raised again. Part of the answer lies in the disparities in funding. Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, has about £164,000 to spend annually, whereas Morten Frost, his Danish counterpart, has more than £500,000.

Frost helped prepare Hoyer, who trailed 0-7 in the first game but by then had already put to good use the analyses of the ways in which Arbi directs his smash. "I knew the ways it was going to go," Hoyer said after saving three game points and going on to win the first game. He then went on to overcome a 1-4 deficit in the second.

Instead of winning four titles as expected, Asian players collected only two. Lim Xiaoqing, born in China but now of Sweden, followed her conquest of Susi Susanti on Friday by beating Camilla Martin, of Denmark, 11-9, 10-12, 11-3, after missing eight match points and letting slip a 10-2 lead in the second game. Thomas Lund and Marlene Thomsen, also of Denmark, won the mixed doubles.

In their effort to keep up with England's oldest badminton enemy, Ciniglio and Andy Goode, the British Olympic manager, will, in future, send only the best doubles players to leading tournaments abroad. The money saved by not sending singles players will be used to bring on youngsters.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Teddington defeat encourages rivals

THE race for the National Hockey League men's title was thrown wide open yesterday with the 4-1 defeat of Teddington, the leaders, by Guildford (Sydney Friskin writes). Teddington paid a heavy price for missing early chances with Guildford scoring twice from short corners through Matton and Jennings. Hall scored either side of half-time, with Teddington replying after the break through McGuire.

Teddington struggled to a 3-2 victory at home to Canterbury on Saturday and, by the end of that day's play, Reading, Hounslow, Southgate and Cannock were all on their heels. Hounslow earned six points over the weekend from a 4-0 victory over Havant on Saturday and a 1-0 win yesterday over Indian Gymkhana. Slough, who were beaten 1-0 by Southgate on Saturday, lost 7-1 to Bournville yesterday and will be relegated.

Isler replaced by man

YACHTING: Bill Koch's dream of an all-woman crew winning one of the most chauvinistic trophies, the America's Cup, has ended (Barry Pickthall writes). J. J. Isler, the tactician and an experienced women's match-race skipper, was replaced by David Dellenbaugh at the start of the semi-final defence trials in San Diego on Saturday "to strengthen the experience" on the women's boat, *Mighty Mary*.

Koch, the multimillionaire leading the *America³* challenge, took the decision after at least four of his crew, including Leslie Egnot, the skipper, and Dawn Riley, the boat captain, asked for greater experience in the afterguard.

McRae wins Welsh rally

MOTOR RALLYING: Alister McRae took a significant step towards emulating Colin, his older brother, on Saturday when he held off an international field to win the Vauxhall Rally of Wales (Oliver Holt writes). Profiting from the early retirements of several leading contenders, McRae, 24, driving a Nissan Sunny, arrived back in Chester 55sec ahead of Olli Harkki, his nearest rival, who was followed home by Jarmi Kyteolehto, his Finnish compatriot. Roger Clark, the winner of the RAC Rally in 1972 and 1976, finished eighteenth in his first competitive rally for eight years.

Wattana retains title

SNOOKER: James Wattana retained his Thailand Open title in Bangkok on Saturday with a 9-6 victory over Ronnie O'Sullivan in a match watched by an estimated live television audience of 25 million. Wattana, from Thailand, has suffered a less than productive season and was given little chance of producing a repeat of his 9-7 win over Steve Davis in the final last year, but, by winning six of the eight frames played in the opening session, he seized the initiative. O'Sullivan, from England, pulled back to trail 6-5, but Wattana regained control to collect the first prize of £32,500.

Devils spring upset

ICE HOCKEY: There were two big surprises in the British League on Saturday (Norman de Mesquita writes). In the premier division, Cardiff Devils, having surrendered their unbeaten home record last week, won 8-4 in Nottingham to hand the Panthers their first home defeat of the season. In the first division, Lee Valley Lions, the bottom club, beat Paisley Pirates, in second place, 6-5 for their first away win of the season.

Leopards lack bite

BASKETBALL: Without DeCarlo Deveaux, who was beginning his two-year ban from the game, the Leopards fell to a 100-88 defeat by Thames Valley Tigers in the Budweiser League on Saturday. Robert Youngblood, with 32 points, and Julio Politi, with a spectacular 33, saved the Leopards from a far heavier defeat. Alan Cunningham, the Worthing Bears player-coach, scored 23 points against Chester Jets that helped his team to a 94-92 win.

Schneider keeps title

SKIING: Vreni Schneider, right, of Switzerland, retained her World Cup overall title in Bormio, Italy, yesterday when she won the slalom. Her win pushed Katja Seizinger, of Germany, who failed to finish in the top ten in the race, into second place overall. Victory for Schneider, who had already won the slalom and giant slalom cups, secured her third overall title.

Boardman drops out

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the world road time-trial champion, failed to stop Gethin Butler, the Great Britain amateur champion, from riding to a record fourth successive victory in the 25-mile Porthole grand prix around Lake Windermere yesterday. Boardman did not complete the course: he was forced to abandon after nine miles because of a fracture in his handle bars. Butler, who was disappointed that his main rival did not finish, won in 58min 16sec.

Young bounces back

CRICKET: New Zealand, led by Bryan Young's unbeaten 44, gained some respectability on the rain-affected second day of the second Test against Sri Lanka, at Carisbrook yesterday. New Zealand were 95 for two at the close in response to Sri Lanka's first innings of 233.

Young, the opener, took 227 minutes to make his score and was with Stephen Fleming, unbeaten on 39, at the close. The Sri Lankans conceded just 87 runs from 52 overs.

WORD-WATCHING

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GENUAL

(c) To do with knees, connected with a knee, from the Latin *genu* a knee. Not to be confused with *genial*, which means warm, cheerful, sociable. Once it meant *nuptial* or concerned with generation. Hence the *genial bed*. References to one's genual organs can make people cough nervously.

PALINOIA

(c) The compulsive repetition of an act, over and over again, until it is performed perfectly. The classic form of this distressing condition is the ten-year-old in the flat overhead who is practising the infamous *Minute Waltz* for her school concert. The technical jargon for this subset of the disease is pianola palinoia, likely to induce in the listener *pianola palinoia paranoia*.

KAMALAYKA

(c) A waterproof shirt woven from the entrails of seals, worn by Eskimoes, whom it is now frigidly correct to call Aleuts. Only the Eskimoes would be that keen on keeping themselves waterproof. But no doubt it helps the market for entrail-proof vests.

REFOCILLATION

(a) Total refreshment, revival or revitalisation. You stagger into the bar, collapse on the stool facing the barperson so blocking access for others, and gasp, "Refocillate me!" Whether he or she understands you or not, there is a good chance that you will achieve refollication of one sort or another.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qxg6! hxg6 (1. ... fxg6 leads to a very similar finish, e.g. 2. Bxc4+ Kf8; 3. Nxg6+ hxg6; 4. Rh8 mate); 2. Nxg6 fxg6; 3. Bxc4+ Kf8; 4. Rh8 mate.

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Klinsmann's late goal speeds Leicester towards the drop

Francis: draining week

Michael Henderson watches Tottenham emerge from their third match in a week as 1-0 victors

Leicester City have not enjoyed the best of luck this season. They lost Draper, their best player, after five minutes of this FA Carling Premiership game on Saturday, and Roberts, their centre forward, remained in the dressing room at half-time. Eventually, they lost to a late goal by Klinsmann.

Whether Mark McGhee has the basic material to rebuild the team next season is uncertain. He will almost certainly lose Draper, and there is not a lot of obvious quality on the field. It might have been better for all concerned if Derby County had won the play-off last May. There is certainly a greater tradition of support there. Leicester, flying too high, have been badly winged.

At the end of a draining week, Gerry Francis, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, was pleased with his players. "I am proud of them," he said. "We had to work just as hard as we did at Anfield and Old Trafford earlier in the week. We are very tired."

Klinsmann's goal, in the 83rd minute, was typical. Lewis, a Leicester substitute playing at left back, misdirected his headed clearance from Edinburgh's cross and the German steadied himself to volley acrobatically from ten yards.

Poole, who had done sterling work in goal, got a hand to it, but, on this occasion, it was not enough. He had saved brilliantly from Klinsmann and, twice, from Anderton when he held powerful shots that he would have been forgiven for parrying.

Until then, Klinsmann had spent an arid afternoon. He struggled to find team-mates with his passes and got little support from a referee who deemed some pretty strong challenges on him and his colleagues to be fair. Most of them were; one or two were not. Francis wondered later whether Tottenham would ever get any penalties. Perhaps he forgot that, earlier in the season, before he replaced Ardiles as manager, they missed the ones that they did get.

Leicester played three centre backs, a ploy that Tottenham are getting used to. One of them was Willis, a flu sufferer who had not trained for a week. No wonder that he found Klinsmann hard to stifle and resorted to alternative methods, not all of them legal. He clearly held him in the first half and there was some shoving and pushing with Sheringham too.

"It takes only a second to score a goal," Francis said afterwards. "I keep telling my players that and it sounds obvious, but it's a point worth making. You must keep going until the final whistle, which we have done in the last week. I give them ten out of ten for their performances in the last three matches."

Leicester made two chances of note. Robins cut in from the right to test Walker with a shot that was helped over the bar. Shortly before Tottenham scored, Lowe failed to make the most of a good chance when Parker rolled the ball to him, and the goal looked big.

McGhee considered it one of Leicester's better performances of a season that has never taken off. They played with spirit, just as they did at Old Trafford on Boxing Day. Tottenham, meanwhile, have found the knack of winning matches that they used to surrender and they deserved their win, just as Poole deserved sympathy.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — D Howells, N Barmby, D Anderton, R Rosenthal — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.

LEICESTER CITY (5-3-2): K Poole — S Grayson, B Carey, J Willis, N Mohan, M Draper (sub: N Lewis, 5min) — M Blake, G Parker, D Lowe — I Roberts (sub. J Lawrence 45), M Robins.

Referee: S Lodge.

England forward's hundredth league goal strengthens Blackburn's hand

Dashing Shearer counts out Chelsea

Blackburn Rovers 2
Chelsea 1

By Peter Ball

IT TOOK Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers striker, 16 minutes at Ewood Park on Saturday to score his hundredth league goal. The only surprise was that, by the end, he had not taken a step or two towards 200 as Blackburn strengthened their position at the head of the FA Carling Premiership.

Yet Hitchcock, the Chelsea goalkeeper, proved to be more resilient than his colleagues, one header flew just over the crossbar, another grazed a post, and a left-foot shot was pulled across goal after Sherwood's chip had opened the way. "He [Shearer] is not quite as strong on his left side," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said afterwards, "but his right seems to compensate."

Finding a fault in Shearer is rare and, once again, people queued up to pay tribute to Blackburn's prolific goalscorer. "He is even better than I remember at Southampton." Jeff Kenna, the full back, said after a quietly satisfactory debut for Blackburn.

Steve Sedgley is expected to leave Ipswich Town at the end of the season after handing in the captain's armband after the team was beaten 9-0 by Manchester United. Sedgley, 26, signed from Tottenham Hotspur for £1 million, has said he wants to return to London if Ipswich are relegated.

If Shearer is first among equals, he is in good company; Blackburn's ethic does not permit star treatment. "There are no stars in our dressing-room," Shearer said, "and if anyone started to think he was, he would quickly be brought down to earth."

That ethic was visible on Saturday. With Wilcox missing, Le Saux, the England left back, uncomplainingly ceded his place to Kenna, moving forward into midfield where his performance made him one of several contenders for the man of the match.

The sponsors' version of that award was won by Sherwood, who will surely soon be another of Blackburn's international players. They are a formidable team, combining high quality and hard work. It was too much for Chelsea.

Shearer celebrates after scoring his hundredth league goal to set Blackburn on the way to victory at Ewood Park. Photograph: Gerry Crowther

The London side's good week had continued when Stein scored, after Furlong climbed above Pearce, to give them an unexpected lead with only three minutes gone.

Scoring the early goal has been Blackburn's forte at Ewood Park this season. With the benefit of such a lead, they can sit back and use Shearer and Sutton to catch sides on the break. Now was the biter being bit, but instead of adapting the script to their own purposes, Chelsea carried on adventurously.

With Furlong giving Pearce an unhappy afternoon, they had their moments, but were let down by some woeful defending. "We controlled the game for 20 minutes, and it was disappointing the way we let it go; we lacked resilience and confidence," Hoddle said.

Johnsen was left alone with Shearer for the equaliser, and he made matters worse by attempting an overhead kick to intercept Le Saux's pass. His effort failed and Shearer was away to claim his thirtieth goal in the Premiership for the second successive season, a record that only Jimmy Greaves has achieved in the leading division since the Second World War.

For the second goal, with Sutton and Shearer combining to send in Sherwood, the Chelsea defence melted away like the March snow on the top of the surrounding west Pennine moors.

By the end, Blackburn had removed Manchester United's advantage in goal difference, but the points were enough. They have now lost only twice in 23 Premiership games.

Pressure? What pressure? "We're enjoying being at the top," Shearer said. "I've been at the bottom with Southampton, and I know which I prefer."

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, J Kenna — S Ripley, M Atkins, T Sherwood, G Le Saux — A Shearer, C Sutton

CHELSEA (4-4-2): K Hitchcock — S Clarke, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, A Myers — C Burley, N Spackman (sub: D Lee, 82min), G Peacock, D Rocastle (sub: G Hall, 74) — M Stein, P Furlong.

Referee: P Danson

Amokachi happy to take half a chance

Queens Park Rangers ... 2
Everton 3

By Pat Gibson

THESE are desperate days for managers in the FA Carling Premiership. First, Joe Royle, of Everton, was forced to give Daniel Amokachi half a game on Saturday; then, Ray Wilkins, in charge of Queens Park Rangers, admitted that he might have to start playing again at the age of 38.

Royle even recognising the presence of Amokachi seemed as remote a possibility as Wilkins picking himself at kick-off time. The £3 million Nigeria international had been left on the substitutes' bench despite the absence of the suspended Ferguson and the injured Rideout for the match against a Rangers side climbing steadily with four wins in six games.

How different it looked 90 minutes later. Amokachi had played a part in all three Everton goals and Wilkins was considering playing against Chelsea on Wednesday to try to prevent a slide into the relegation dogfight.

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Nothing illustrates the volatility of the situation better than Rangers's experience on Saturday. Victory would have taken them into the top ten. Defeat means that they are one of eight clubs separated by four points above Leicester City and Ipswich Town.

Wilkins's presence may be required because of the loss of Barker with a knee injury, although his departure, in the 25th minute, had nothing like the impact of the change Royle made at half-time. Angell, playing his first game for six months, had been so hopelessly ineffective in Ferguson's role that Royle had no alternative but to send on Amokachi.

What happened after that may force Royle to revise his opinion of a player who has been conspicuously absent since he took over from Mike Walker. By putting himself into areas where Angell had failed to tread, Amokachi so revitalised Everton that they were able to withstand well-crafted goals by Ferdinand and Gallen, which twice put Rangers ahead.

Everton's first two goals were scrappy affairs. Barlow slipped the ball wide of Roberts when Amokachi's shot rebounded to him, then McDonald headed into his own net after Amokachi's header released Hinchcliffe on the left. However, the last-minute winner could not have been crisper. Amokachi was fouled on the edge of the penalty area and Hinchcliffe rocketed the free kick into the top corner.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Bardsley, A McDonald, D Maddix, C Wilson — T Sinclair, S Barker (sub: G Penrice, 25min), I Holloway, A Impey — L Ferdinand, K Gallen.

EVERTON (4-5-1): N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, G Ablett, A Hinchcliffe — S Barlow, B Horne, A Grant (sub M Jackson, 88), J Ebbrell, A Limpar — B Angell (sub. D Amokachi, 45).

Referee: K Morton

Villa's old soldiers in battle to avoid drop

Aston Villa 0
West Ham United...........2

By Keith Pike

NOT many managers will find something to smile about as they head home after a 3-0 defeat, but Ron Atkinson could have been excused a chuckle as he and his Coventry City team limped out of Elland Road on Saturday. If they did not know it beforehand, they should now — Aston Villa, formerly Atkinson's ageing but able army, are in trouble.

The team that Atkinson was forced to bequeath in November was capable of beating Inter Milan. The one now managed by Brian Little would struggle to beat Inter Cardiff if this shapeless, sterile performance is anything to go by. They have taken two points out of their last five games, and have only eight left to reverse the slide. Five of those are away from Villa Park, a splendid stadium that next season could be hosting Endsleigh Insurance League and European championship matches in quick succession.

Just a month ago, Little's honeymoon period had looked never-ending. Eleven days after thumping Wimbledon 7-1, Villa led Leicester City 4-1 with 15 minutes to go, and an unlikely charge towards Europe was taking shape. Then Leicester, the club that Little had left in such acrimonious circumstances to succeed Atkinson, pulled back to force a 4-4 draw; since then, the descent has gathered pace.

Outwardly, Little remains calm if not confident, but, as he repeatedly closed his eyes and massaged his brow afterwards, his mannerisms betrayed him. He was probably dreaming of headless chickens.

How Little could have done with Fashanu on the field rather than in the stand. Charles, on the right flank, and, especially, Staunton, on the left, supplied enough crosses, but it was ammunition for a howitzer, not Villa's pea shooter strike force that saw Saunders partnered in turn by Johnson, Yorke and Ehiogu.

Otherwise, Villa either ran head-long into West Ham United's carefully laid booby traps or, less forgiveably, carelessly conceded hard-won possession with third-rate casting. From a fraction of the opportunities, West Ham — hard-working, resilient and so much more composed — won comfortably, Moncur blasting them ahead from 25 yards in the 11th minute, and capitalising on Teale's blunder to set up Hutchison for the second, four minutes into the second half. "It was a massive game for us and we have given ourselves a chance," Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — G Charles, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright — D Yorke (sub U Ehiogu, 71min), I Taylor, A Townsend, S Staunton — T Johnson (sub: R Houghton, 48), D Saunders.

WEST HAM UNITED: (4-4-2). L Miklosko — T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks — M Allen, J Moncur, I Bishop, M Holmes (sub: K Rowland, 62) — A Cottee, D Hutchison (sub: J Boere, 78).

Referee: M Bodenham

Knighton revels in his latest cause

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By Ivo Tennant

THE face is more jowly, the footwork less dexterous than when he was juggling a ball around Old Trafford, but Michael Knighton remains nothing if not a showman. After this somewhat fortuitous victory, he stood in what passes for Carlisle's royal box and made as if to spray champagne over his club captain.

No wonder, for Reeves had scored both goals at a time when Walsall, in third place, had looked increasingly likely to make up some ground on the leaders. For Knighton, the chairman and chief executive, running Carlisle United is the next best thing to running Manchester United.

Knighton has huge ambitions. He would like to achieve with Carlisle what Wimbledon have managed down the years, only he does not want them to be watched only on Ceefax. Self-effacement may not be his strong suit, but the style that he advocates is reflected in his team.

All credit to Mick Wadsworth, the manager, and Reeves, the captain, who now has 18 league goals to his name this season. They are two pleasant men. There is some oomph there, as well. Carlisle, unbeaten at home this season, refused even to contemplate that, with a lead of 12 points, one defeat would not be of significance.

Walsall, managed by Chris Nicholl, that quintessential Englishman, took the lead in the thirteenth minute and retained it until 13 minutes from the end.

The manner in which they conceded both goals horrified Nicholl, for he was once the stoutest of defenders. Nonetheless, neither he nor anybody else will see a more exciting match at this level.

There could well have been four goals in the first ten minutes. Walsall's goal, created by Lightbourne's dummy and scored through Wilson's precise shot, was exemplary.

Carlisle probably need no more than a further three victories from their remaining nine matches to be promoted.

CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-3): T Caig — D Edmondson, D Walling, D Mountfield, T Gallimore — W Aspinall, S Hayward (J Thorpe 63min), R Prokas — D Currie, D Reeves, P Conway.

WALSALL (4-3-3): T Wood — W Evans, S Ryder, C Palmer, D Rogers — C Marsh, M O'Connor, J Keister — K Lightbourne, K Wilson, S Houghton.

Referee: J Rushton.

Danger of disappointing Laudrup

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

The Scottish Tourist Board should do the decent thing and reimburse Rangers for half of Brian Laudrup's transfer fee. Since signing at Ibrox last summer, the Dane's praise of his new home has paused only when he needed his breath to humiliate defenders. Glasgow and its environs are much loved by the natives, but few previous outsiders had noticed its resemblance to Shangri-La.

It would be sad if the only eyesores Laudrup noticed were our football matches. The premier division initially feared Laudrup's judgment. It was as if the proprietor of a motorway café had seen Jonathan Meades come in for a bite to eat.

In fact, despite his exquisite skills, the forward has hearty tastes. The enthusiasm of our approach and the freedom from tactical restraint which Rangers give him appeal to Laudrup.

When asked if he missed the challenge of world-class opposition which he had encountered with Fiorentina, Laudrup replied that he could get all that by playing for Denmark. On Saturday, however, when Rangers lost to Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle for the second time in a month, hairline cracks began to appear in his serenity.

There were no tantrums, but the exasperation showed in one incident, when he gave a pass to Alex Cleland and never received the return. Laudrup made it witheringly clear that a one-two does not involve clubbing the ball out of play.

In the first half, especially, Rangers were disorderly, accident-prone and inn-ocuous. Their goal, moments from the interval, was composed solely of Laudrup's virtuosity, as he curled a shot from the fringes of the area round Craig Nelson, the Hearts goalkeeper. That made the score 2-1 and Rangers were unable to equalise.

Walter Smith, their manager, complained that his team had been "very slack in the first half-hour", but he is unlikely to conclude that this was just a bad day. Failure, in fact, was no surprise. Rangers have now won only three times in ten matches since the beginning of the year, and that spell includes removal from the Tennents Scottish Cup by Hearts. Teams have begun to count on Rangers's failings.

On Saturday, Hearts persistently fired the ball down their left wing, aiming for a gap between Alan McLaren, the right back, and Basile Boli, the centre half. The first goal, from John Robertson, came from precisely that area. Both then, and when John Millar added a second, some blame settled on Ally Maxwell, the goalkeeper, who is, anxiously at present, deputising for the injured Andy Goram.

The return of a few absent players, however, will not wholly restore Rangers. Even if Ally McCoist and Mark Hateley make a complete recovery, they must, at 32 and 33 respectively, gradually lose relevance.

The need to buy is recognised. Smith was in Gothenburg last Wednesday to watch Jesper Blomqvist, the young winger, in IFK's European Cup quarter-final with Bayern Munich.

There have also been trips to Italy, and Smith was credited with a fleeting interest in Tomas Skuhravy, the Genoa centre forward. Other rumours involve Rob Mackaay, of Vitesse Arnhem, who at least sounds as if he ought to be in Scotland. It is, though, far easier to list names than to negotiate transfers. Rangers can reportedly spare £10 million for new players, but Europe has several clubs that can match them. Blomqvist, returning from injury and lacking form, will still choose his next club as much as he is chosen.

The coming months will be the most thorough test of Smith's gifts of talent-spotting and persuasion. Rangers, still 12 points ahead in the premier division, are in little danger in the championship, but they can hardly afford to blunder into the European Cup with their present side. The need for change has not lessened since AEK Athens brushed them aside in August.

Rangers must also be aware of the importance of providing Laudrup with satisfactory team-mates. There is no indication that the Dane is restless, but, at 26, he has already played for six clubs. Laudrup is familiar with the transfer market and, if the day came when he despaired of the standards around him, he would have little compunction about leaving Rangers.

If Scotland turned out to be no more than just another episode in Laudrup's footloose career, the loss to the premier division and the Ibrox club would be immense.

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Alison Kervin counts down the minutes of a day with the team's most loyal supporters

Merry wives of England provide very good cheer

11.45 As the doors of the Rose Room at Twickenham swing open, the business of entertaining rugby union's most distinguished guests begins. A thousand blazers and kilts march through the door, greeting one another as they go. Meanwhile, hidden away in a sea of club ties and rugged faces are four young women, the first of the England team's wives and girlfriends to appear.

Laden down with weekend bags and evening dresses, they hold on to one another affectionately and drop their bags in relief. Sue Bence, with Jason Leonard, Kay Gredig, with Martin Johnson, Sue Keats, with Graham Rowntree, and Michelle Lawrence, with Ben Clarke, are the early birds, having travelled in a taxi together that morning.

They take their seats at one end of an immaculately laid-out table and begin a lunch of melon, Scotch lamb and English trifle. There is more than enough Chardonnay circulating to calm even the worst nerves, but the women are only halfway through their first course when the first potential crisis occurs.

Cindy, the wife of Greg Botterman, the late-call-up, is stuck at Richmond station trying to get a cab. Her tickets are with Debbie Wilson, Mike Catt's girlfriend, who has just left the Petersham Hotel. After much running around notifying people on every gate, at Twickenham control and at the Petersham Hotel, Cindy strolls in to the Rose Room with Debbie, having caught up with her after all.

Other women filter in through the next hour and join the table. Sara Andrew and Jayne Guscott appear, both heavily pregnant, and discuss the difficulties of finding something to wear to the dinner. Gary, Jeremy's brother, has not come with Jane this time, which avoids a lot of confusion. Gary looks exactly like his brother and there is always concern when he is seen knocking back drinks an hour before kick-off.

The tension is usually indicated by the amount of cigarette smoke. Today, an enormous cloud hangs over the women's table. About half an hour before kick-off, the England management team comes in to the room having left the players to their own devices. The women look at one another nervously.

2.45 The two teams run out to applause from the West Stand, where many of the women are sitting fairly close together. The players are allocated about ten tickets each, so their partners tend to be within shouting distance of one another.

There is much smiling and hugging and banter flying across between the women and the players on the replacements bench nearby.

The match begins. Leonard goes off covered in blood. Sue, his girlfriend, is alarmed. Sue Keats, meanwhile, is thrilled because Rowntree, her boyfriend, has the chance to come on and win his first cap. The two women look at each other across the crowd and smile. Each knows how the other is feeling.

It soon becomes clear why the players are not paid to play rugby. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) cannot afford to pay for anything once they have settled Victor Ubogu's shorts bill. There are jeers and laughter as he rips one pair after another.

A man a few rows back has discovered that we are all with the England team, and he is desperately trying to work out who is with whom. He guesses wrong, but most of the women seem more than happy with the partner he assigns them, so they leave it at that.

When England win, there is a massive cheer from the women, and more hugs and talk of the evening ahead.

5.0 The Rose Room is bustling. There is a section set aside for players and their immediate families but, as the players enter, most of them mingle with supporters. There are dozens of autograph hunters around every player and rugby followers are everywhere, desperate to spend a few minutes chatting to their favourite player.

Some of the wives and girlfriends wait anxiously by their sides. Others have given up altogether and head towards the bar to drink with the rest of the girls while the adulation goes on.

Two players are singled out for drugs tests and go through the usual palaver of trying to produce a urine sample in a state of complete dehydration.

The last of the players gets in to the Rose Room by about 5.30pm, and it is time to move them as quickly as possible on to the coach to get to the London Hilton hotel on Park Lane in time for dinner. A crowd of wellwishers has assembled outside and *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* can be heard loud and clear. As the players leave, they are greeted with cheers and more requests for autographs. Dean Richards walks out to enormous applause. There are pats on the back for the Underwood brothers, cheers for Guscott and screams for Kyran Bracken. Even with a badly cut lip, he is still rugby union's answer to Hugh Grant.

'Others give up and head towards the bar'

The players sign hundreds of match programmes, rugby balls, T-shirts and even broken legs before the police escort can finally move the coach away.

7.0 The players, their wives and girlfriends, the bags and plenty of beer are stacked up on the coach heading towards the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane. The police escort is doing its best to move us through the London traffic, but it is slow going and we are due to be at the dinner for 7.30pm.

Will Carling takes the microphone and announces that he is putting on a tape and everyone has to dance. The celebrations begin in earnest as bemused car drivers look in amazement at a busload of huge men dancing. Some wave and beep their horns if they recognise the players.

Rowntree is summoned to perform for the team to celebrate his first cap. The custom is long established and the Leicester forward attempts *This Charming Man*, but he is drowned out by groans and wolf whistles from the others.

The passengers continue to party as the coach weaves through the capital's streets. Colin Herridge, the team's liaison officer, takes the microphone and runs through the plans for the evening. There is much banter as he tries to explain that we must be at the dinner in the Hilton by 8.0pm and therefore cannot spend ages getting ready or have too many drinks in the upstairs bar.

8.30 The dinner has been put back a little because of the team's late arrival. It takes place in the huge ballroom with around 600 people present. There are usually two separate dinners, one for the men and one for the women, but, on this occasion, it is mixed. There is a band playing and a menu of smoked chicken, consommé of lobster, rosette of lamb and strawberry charlotte.

The women are really dressed up for the occasion, many of them in long evening dresses, some wearing cocktail numbers, most in black and all looking stunning. In Ireland, three years ago, they nearly went to the dinner in jeans. All their luggage had been left on the coach, which had disappeared by the end of the match. A long hour later, it was tracked down on the other side of Dublin, with the driver asleep inside.

Dennis Easby begins the speeches and Gavin Hastings replies. He is an outstanding speaker. He and Carling both congratulate the teams, Rowntree receives his cap and the five nations' trophy is presented to England. It is immediately filled with champagne and emptied down the players' throats as the real celebrations begins.

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JAMES MORGAN

Sue Bence, Michelle Lawrence, Kay Gredig and Sue Keates line up in support of the England cause on Saturday

Ireland's limitations too much for sorry Wales

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BY GERALD DAVIES

IT CANNOT often be claimed in sport, but this match was precisely what it was meant to be. It lived up, or rather lived down, to everything that was expected of it. Motivated by the fear of the fate that stalked them, both teams produced 80 minutes of vastly uninspiring rugby littered with ineptitude and error. These were the authentic wooden spoon contenders playing a wooden spoon sort of game. The players did their best, but it was not good enough.

Gerry Murphy, the Ireland coach, admitted afterwards that a neutral observer might be well within his rights to ask for his money back. Other jokes abounded, too. To a pre-planned coded message, the police and stewards responded to a public announcement that proclaimed enigmatically that "Mr Rugby had entered the ground" by departing in search of their quarry. Later, during a particularly flat period, it was declared that "Mr Rugby had departed". He knew better than to hang around.

At least the crowd could see the funny side. The only expression of frustration during the afternoon — although there were plenty later — was the slow handclap that greeted Neil Jenkins before he kicked his second penalty goal of the second half. Cutting down the deficit was all very well, but, with Wales having scored only three tries in their past seven games, and Mullin, of Ireland, having scored a beauty in the first half of this one, there was a sense of disappointment and questioning: was kicking goals all that Wales could do? To be fair, Jenkins's kick brought his team within a point of Ireland and there was still half an hour to go.

The difference between the sides was that Ireland knew their limitations and drew a simple and direct plan to accommodate them. Burke did not, however, help their cause by constantly miskicking at the restarts. The game was unsatisfactory because of such elementary mistakes. The ball was often lost by both teams in the tackle.

Elimination of such errors is one reason why other teams are so far ahead. At any rate, there were no frills from Ireland, and Burke, after Elwood had been taken off on a stretcher after a late tackle by Collins which left him with just a sore neck, chose to kick for position. Yet Ireland stay encamped in their own half for most of the time.

Wales had greater ambitions to run, but were ill-equipped to do so. They did not prepare a sufficiently good platform from which expansive movement could spring. They were attempting to run from their heels, not their toes.

The second part of the Irish strategy then came into play. They tackled everything. Their defence, which Gerry Murphy commended heartily afterwards, had width and depth. So much so that Wales looked increasingly unlikely to add to the single tries that they scored in each of the games against Romania, Italy and Scotland.

Their persistent charges close to the forward fringes got no change from Foley, Johns and Halvey, who, although they did not look as if they would last the pace, somehow survived to give Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, a modicum of optimism for the World Cup. For a fortnight before the tournament begins, the players will be able to train together without other distractions. They can only improve.

Yet to what extent are such squad training sessions profitable? To have players together in such a way for so long cannot always be thought a luxury. Wales, for all their increasing number of such sessions, are no better now than they were at the start of the season, and could, indeed, be worse. Dare one suggest that Wales look a tired team and that what they really need is a long period of rest? This is but a shadow of the Wales team that gave South Africa such a hard time.

There is little point repeating that injuries and defections have taken their toll on Wales. This performance lacked direction and control, qualities that should be expected of all first-class players, whether of true international calibre or not. Only one Wales player emerged with genuine credit — Spencer John, the youngest in the team. No player could match his energy, enthusiasm and sheer determination.

Ireland duly punished Wales. Wales went into the lead, inevitably through a penalty goal by Jenkins, but, by half-time, Burke had dropped a smart goal, kicked a penalty goal and converted Mullin's try. Jenkins closed the gap with another kick before the interval, and two more afterwards. However, Burke then responded with another of his own to leave Wales with no points in the five nations' championship for only the second time.

SCORERS: Wales: Penalty goal: N Jenkins (4). Ireland: Try: Mullin Conversion: Burke Penalty goals: Burke (2) Dropped goal: Burke.

WALES: M J Back (Bridgend), I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), N G Davies (Llanelli), W T Proctor (Llanelli), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea), M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Pontypridd), S C John (Llanelli), A Gibbs (Newbridge), P T Davies (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R G Collins (Pontypridd), E W Lewis (Cardiff).

IRELAND: J E Staples (Harlequins); R M Wallace (Garryowen), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (Bath), E P Elwood (Lansdowne), N A Hogan (Terenure College), N J Popplewell (Wasps), T J Kingston (Dolphin, captain), P M N Clohessy (Young Munster), A G Foley (Shannon), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), D A Tweed (Ballymena), E O Halvey (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon) Elwood replaced by P Burke (Cork Constitution, 20min).

Referee: R Megson (Scotland)

Mullin marks his fiftieth international appearance for Ireland with the only try of the match in Cardiff. Photograph: David Jones

Natal turn up heat on young hopefuls

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SELECTION of the England party for the World Cup was made no easier by the defeat of the A team in sweltering heat in Durban on Saturday. John Hall and Neil Back, the flankers, were outstanding against a Natal side which, though playing only its second match of the season, contained eight full internationals and three more close to the South Africa side.

However, the management team at King's Park, where England will play their World Cup pool matches, was delighted with the quality of performance in strange conditions and hopes that reciprocal arrangements can be made to sustain A-team fixtures with southern-hemisphere provincial sides. "Players like Archer and West learned so much against a world-class pair of locks like Andrews and Atherton," Peter Rossborough, the manager, said.

Neither side could achieve continuity and there was a lot of offside, which accounted for six penalty goals kicked by Honiball — which effectively won the match for Natal — and four by Grayson. Yet Hull once more impressed on hard going and initiated the move which led to Hunter's outstanding try late in the first half.

"It was good to see Hunter coming through the game and looking fit and fast," Rossborough said.

SCORERS: Natal: Tries: Allan, Small Conversion: Honiball. Penalty goals: Honiball (6) Dropped goal: Honiball. England A: Tries: Hunter, Potter. Penalty goals: Grayson (4) Dropped goal: Grayson.

NATAL: H Reece-Edwards; C van der Westhuizen, D Muir, P Muller, J Small; H Honiball, K Putt, R Kempson, J Allan, A Garvey, W Bartmann (captain), M Andrews, S Atherton, D Kriese, G Teichmann. Muller replaced by J Thompson (51 min), Kriese replaced by W van Heerden (64)

ENGLAND A: P Hull (Bristol); I Hunter (Northampton), S Potter (Leicester), D Hopley (Wasps), J Sleightholme (Bath); P Grayson (Northampton), M Dawson (Northampton); R Hardwick (Coventry), M Regan (Bristol), D Garforth (Leicester), J Hall (Bath, captain), G Archer (Newcastle Gosforth), R West (Gloucester), N Back (Leicester), A Diprose (Saracens).

Referee: S Neethling (Boland).

Resignations add to disarray as Welsh rugby hits new low

Spare a thought for Alan Davies, the Wales coach, this morning. A nice man with a quick wit, he has found that the roars of acclaim of 1994 have turned to the whistles of derision of 1995. After Wales had won the championship last year, Davies was named coach of the year. Now that Wales have collected the wooden spoon, Davies is facing dismissal.

The streets of Cardiff were filled on Saturday night with men baying for his head. Long before the final whistle, Welshmen were beside themselves at the way Wales could win so much possession and lose the game. The final insult, a gesture of astonishing indifference to the national team, occured when a Mexican wave continued as Neil Jenkins attempted a kick at goal.

Many of the great and good in Welsh rugby gathered for the after-match dinner at a Cardiff hotel. Derek Quinnell was there and so was J. J. Williams. Kevin Bowring arrived garlanded with huzzahs after the A team that he coaches had defeated Ireland's on Friday.

As these men strolled through a foyer, crowded in the main with jubilant Irish, one Welshman caught the mood of both the moment and the country. "That was the worst performance by Wales since the game against England in the 1987 World Cup," he said gloomily. "At least we won that one."

John Hopkins speculates on the fate of manager and coach who have presided over dismal failure

When Geoff Evans, one of Wales's five selectors, appeared at the hotel, he was asked about a newspaper report which said that he and J. P. R. Williams, a selectors' advisor, had so disagreed with the compostion of the Wales team that played Ireland, that they had submitted their resignations.

Evans, a British Isles player in 1971 and a lecturer in London now, was cagey. He did not deny it, nor did he confirm it. Clearly, there had been a lot of discussion, because the meeting took six hours according to one source and eight according to another. It is claimed that Evans and Williams did not agree with the dropping of Derwyn Jones, the gigantic lock forward, but they were asked to keep their resignations a secret until after the match. It is also claimed that a further change was made to the team after the selection meeting had concluded.

Yesterday, it was confirmed that Williams had resigned, and Evans issued a statement saying: "... There was a serious disagreement on a matter of principle for selection ... and I said I would consider my position."

Evans said that he wrote to the other selectors expressing his concern about what happened and hinting that he might resign. He said that he will make his decision next week.

"That's news to me," Davies said yesterday. "We never vote on selection matters. At the end of the day, it is my team. If there are any contentious issues, then we sleep on them before making a final decision: that is what happened in this case. We are never in full agreement. Selectors often have strong views. I do not understand why this has gone this far."

Davies was appointed the Wales coach in the final moments before the World Cup in 1991. There seems no doubt that his days are numbered: the only question remains when will he go — this week, before the squad is picked on Wednesday for the World Cup, which starts in 66 days, or after it. If he goes, who will replace him?

A leading candidate is Bowring, whose A teams have done so well. Alec Evans, from Australia, who has transformed Cardiff, is a candidate. Even the name of John Hart, from New Zealand, was mentioned last week. There is an unpleasant irony that, at the time that Wales should be glorying in receiving the 1999 World Cup, their rugby is at a desperately low level.

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Supporters acclaim Rob Andrew, whose seven penalty goals and dropped goal gave England a 24-12 victory over Scotland and broke the country's individual scoring record. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Five nations' decider brings mixed emotions to victors

England feed grand ambition

Rob Andrew on the grand finale that brought unexpected frustrations

ENGLAND'S third grand slam triumph in five years is a tremendous achievement and the scenes at Twickenham at the end of a victory over Scotland which also brought us the triple crown and the Calcutta Cup will be among my fondest sporting memories, but afterwards there was a change of mood, a feeling of frustration.

There were three major reasons for this. We were at the end of a week which I believe may prove to be a a watershed for rugby. There was an awful lot of hype and tension around on Saturday, too much. I hope what happened in the days leading up to the game were not a sign of things to come because I did not like what I saw and read. The hype was far too great, the worst I had experienced.

It was unnecessary and I particularly do not like the idea of people saying and writing things that stir up feelings, especially among the crowd. People underestimate the amount of pressure the players are put under and that was compounded by the comments made by certain ex-players, especially north of the border, and certain commentators.

Ex-players have to accept more responsibility for protecting the image of the game and the media must be more responsible too. By contrast, I thought the way Gavin Hastings and Will Carling conducted themselves before and after the match was exemplary, just what we should be able to expect.

Perhaps all this is a manifestation of the growing commercialism of the game. It is what we are heading for unless we put the brakes on to a certain degree.

One of the other things that created the sense of feeling flat was that the trophies were not presented after the match as the public so clearly wanted. Some way should have been found to provide this. It would have given a point of focus to our celebrations at Twickenham. As it was, everyone left the ground feeling slightly unfulfilled.

The other reason was the way the game itself had been played. This was a big letdown and we felt Scotland certainly went out of their way to kill the game and kill our ball. That tactic drags both sides down and it was not what we set out to do but once we found the Scots doing it — and apparently being allowed to get away with it — we did the same. Consequently the spectacle was ruined for those at Twickenham and those watching on television.

By Saturday night we were just glad that all the words were finished with and we had done the job. We were exhausted mentally more than physically. We were glad we had overcome the fear of losing the whole shooting match in our own backyard. We would have found it very difficult to cope with that.

But we did win. We did not allow Scotland to knock us off our game and we should be pleased we created the positions from which I was able to kick the penalties. That is all you can do, take advantage of the punishment the referee has meted out to your opponents.

Of course, I was delighted that I kicked so consistently but I was nervous beforehand and it was the hours of practice I had put in that helped me to rediscover the groove that had proved so successful against Canada and Romania before Christmas.

This championship has shown that the authorities are going to have to take a very strict line on the question of the handling of offside by referees at the World Cup. Referees were very strict at the 1991 World Cup on diving on the ball and it is going to be crucial that this time they crack down on those infringing offside. Otherwise the tournament this summer could turn into nothing much better than a scrap.

We had problems in Cardiff on this score and it happened again on Saturday. It reduces the spectacle at a time when sides are generally trying to play a more enterprising attacking game.

For the England team as a whole, it maybe a good thing that we go to the World Cup under no illusions that we are already world-beaters. The five nations' championship brings such pressure.

We look forward to getting away to South Africa, being alone and trying to find our best form. We have the armoury to trouble any side in the world if we put our game together. But we still have plenty to think about and a lot of hard work to do. Saturday proved that.

Rob Andrew was talking to Peter Bills

MOORE OF AN ARGUMENT

Brian Moore, England's hooker, said Scotland "ruined the whole game" at Twickenham. David Miller agrees: "Good for Moore". But Simon Barnes says: "There's no obligation to entertain". Page 25

Carling handed World Cup lead

By David Hands
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WILL CARLING, having led England on Saturday to all the prizes in rugby union's five nations' championship — grand slam, triple crown and Calcutta Cup — has been confirmed captain for the World Cup, which begins in South Africa in May.

Carling became captain in 1988, at the age of 22, and has now led England in 48 internationals. The decision may have an element of rubber stamping but Jack Rowell, the England manager, said yesterday: "Captains have to prove themselves on and off the field and he has done that. I find him first rate." The England World Cup squad will be named next Monday.

Wales, who plummeted from champions in 1994 to winners of the wooden spoon, amid doubts over the future of their coach, Alan Davies, and the resignation of a selector, Geoff Evans, and an adviser, J. P. R. Williams, are due to announce their squad on Thursday.

The Irish squad is unlikely to emerge before the end of the month and Scotland, who play Romania on April 22, will wait until April 6. Peter Wright, the Boroughmuir prop, sprung a collarbone at Twickenham and the recovery time takes him dangerously close to departure for South Africa. One of Scotland's pool opponents in South Africa, the Ivory Coast, lost 97-7 to Northern Transvaal in Pretoria on Friday.

"I had a lot of satisfaction from the nature of our win," Rowell said after the 24-12 victory over Scotland at Twickenham, during which he took the field at half-time, a policy approved by the International Rugby Football Board but frowned upon by the Rugby Football Union.

Carling, captain of a grand slam team for the third time after the triumphs of 1991 and 1992, was confident in his belief that England could win the World Cup. "I always felt we were in control but I don't think we really imposed ourselves," he said. "We were doing just enough but we were a little bit tense. It was a big step for us. It might not have looked it but it was."

Gavin Hastings, the Scotland captain, was generous in defeat but added: "Scotland have contributed enormously to this five nations' season and I'm very proud of the boys. There is a good blend of youth and experience, especially in the back division, and it would be crazy if we did not make use of the speed and youth we have available in the conditions we will find in South Africa."

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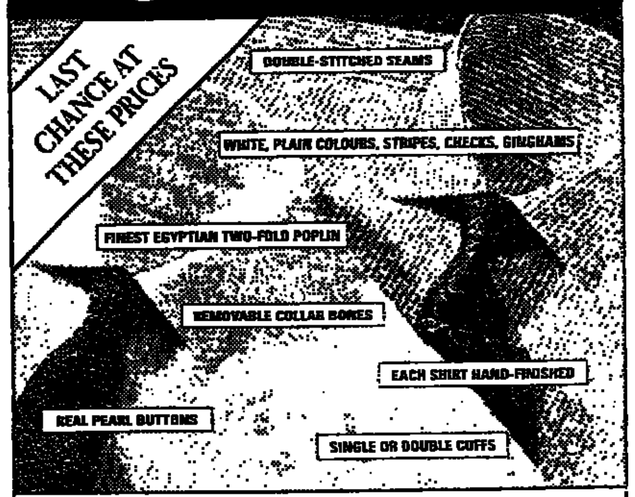

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Stand-off half's kicking secures grand slam as defences hold sway in title decider

Andrew gains foothold for England's ascent

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By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SHOULD a grand slam be won in the grand manner? In a fallible sporting world, such an outcome cannot come to order and, at Twickenham on Saturday, the five nations' championship concluded like a distant storm — the lightning of an outstanding game flickered on the horizon, but, when the thunder died away, there stood the pragmatic scoreline, all kicks, which gave England their third grand slam in five years and their eleventh overall.

Yet the achievement, their's and Scotland's, should not be minimised merely because the grace-notes were absent. England have put themselves into the same league as the great Wales sides of the 1970s, which carried off three slams during the decade of the dragon — the fire now extinguished — and may yet match the achievements of their English predecessors of the 1920s, who won four slams during that decade.

This is a side which has gathered maturity far more quickly than I, for one, believed that it would. That England remain below the peak of achievement is both an indication of how far the maturing process has still to go and how well the effort is building for the World Cup in South Africa this summer. In winning this championship, England did not construct anything near an 80-minute game, but they have shown signs of being the most complete XV England that have put into the field.

Nor should Scotland's part in this championship be overlooked. Gavin Hastings was insistent that they would have to play the "game of their lives" if they were to win at Twickenham, and he confessed, afterwards, that they did not: yet he had the look of a captain whose expectations of his team have been broadly achieved. That so young a unit should have been in a position to even challenge for a grand slam is a credit in itself.

The Save and Prosper international did not match up to expectation because it reverted to a singularly old-fashioned contest, which England, with their greater physical power, were always more likely to win. Both sides were so intent on neutralising the other that, when the time came to play the ball through the hands, there were few left to do so. Of the two outstanding back rows in the championship, little was seen, because they were literally wrapped up in each other.

It does not need a succession of England "columnists" to complain about Scotland infringing at ruck and maul. The penalty count speaks for itself: 19-9 in England's favour, with two free kicks apiece, as Scotland forwards did what they have done time out of mind, burrowing into mauls, running offside at rucks, pulling Bracken into the heap of bodies so that the young scrum half was happy just to be able to work ball into Andrew's hands.

It was happy to reside there. or at his feet. This was Andrew the pragmatist. He, and the entire England side. metephorically shrugged their shoulders and took what the referee awarded them. Seven successful penalties out of eight and a soaring dropped goal for good measure, to equal the individual record for a championship match (held by Sebastien Viars, of France), and surge past the all-time England points record held at 296 by Jonathan Webb. Andrew has now pushed it out to 317, a haul including a remarkable second penalty goal, drilled low into the wind from 49 metres which gave England the lead and probably convinced the player that this was to be his day.

Both sides had a sniff of the line in the first half, but Tony Underwood could not retain possession and Rory Underwood's tackle on Gavin Hastings allowed Catt to intercept the pass intended for Townsend. In Hastings's mind, a turning-point arrived when he set off on a diagonal run so reminiscent of his match-winning try in Paris but which was foiled in Catt's tackle which dislodged the ball.

Sadly for Hastings, who set a championship record for Scotland of 56 points, a greater turning-point came when thoughts of the game against Wales may have flickered through his mind. Fielding Rory Underwood's long kick a couple of metres from his own line, he set off upfield and found Weir with him — a pairing which precipitated a try by Peters against Wales. Here, however, Weir was faced by the England locks and centres, was flattened and penalised on the ground in front of his posts, a gift for Andrew.

He had already kicked four first-half penalty goals, one after a bad couple of minutes for Wright who received the yellow card for stamping on Carling and then wandered offside. Andrew erased the effect of Chalmers's two well-taken dropped goals in a half when Hastings was not permitted one chance at goal, which suggests that the referee — the one who counts — believed that England's discipline was better than Scotland's. Yet England, tight in the scrum, could never stifle Weir at the lineout nor achieve the better rucked ball that Redpath received.

Hilton and Richards left the fray with sprung rib cartilages, which will probably keep them out of their respective clubs' cup semi-finals on April 1, but Andrew kept applying the rod so as to preserve a cushion of either six or nine points — never enough for total England equanimity. Guscott scorched into space but turned away from his support, and the younger Underwood made 40 metres in the dying moments before the cover caught him. The domestic chores are complete; South Africa awaits.

SCORERS. England. Penalty goals: Andrew (7) Dropped goal Andrew. Scotland: Penalty goals: G Hastings (2) Dropped goals: Chalmers (2)

ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath), T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), K P P Bracken (Bristol), J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester) Richards replaced by S O Ojomoh (Bath, 51min). Bracken temporarily replaced by C D Morris (Orrell, 18-23): Leonard temporarily replaced by G C Rowntree (Leicester, 66-78).

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain): C A Joiner (Melrose), G P J Townsend (Gala), S Hastings (Watsonians), K M Logan (Stirling County): C M Chalmers (Melrose), B W Redpath (Melrose): D I W Hilton (Bath), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), R I Wainwright (West Hartlepool/Army), G W Weir (Melrose), S J Campbell (Dundee HSFP), I R Morrison (London Scottish), E W Peters (Bath). Hilton replaced by J J Manson (Dundee HSFP, 45).

Referee: B Stirling (Ireland).

Tony Underwood accelerates past Logan, the Scotland wing, to set another attack in motion during the victory at Twickenham that brought England the grand slam. Photograph: Ian Stewart

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	4	0	0	98	39	8
Scotland ...	4	3	0	1	87	71	6
France	4	2	0	2	77	70	4
Ireland	4	1	0	3	44	83	2
Wales	4	0	0	4	43	86	0

RESULTS: Ireland 8 England 20, France 21 Wales 9; England 31 France 10, Scotland 26 Ireland 13; Wales 9 England 23, France 21 Scotland 23; Scotland 26 Wales 13, Ireland 7 France 25

Brian Moore claims that Scotland ruined the game. Discuss

Scotland's spoils yield only negative equity

By David Miller

If World Cup victory by England is to depend on the last-ditch tackling by Mike Catt, at full back, that kept out Scotland on Saturday, heaven help the nation's nerves. England may be bland slam champions, but the odds of success in South Africa will have lengthened after this less than storming performance. All that got slammed on Saturday were the laws of the game.

Jack Rowell, the England manager, has warned often enough that kicks ahead behind the opposition defence that do not find touch — as opposed to up-and-unders — invite instant, dangerous counter-attack, especially on South Africa's firm grounds. England were several times guilty of this: among them, Andrew, the match-winner. Australia, New Zealand or South Africa would exact a harsher penalty for such errors.

A shallow kick ahead that is retrieved, especially by a runner as threatening as Gavin Hastings, can catch the kicker's entire team spread across the pitch, disorganised and not knowing where to expect the point of counter-attack. Momentarily, there is no wall of resistance such as England famously have at set pieces. England now had to be thankful that Scotland were so average, even if they were dismayed at what amounted to Scotland's persistent cheating.

Rugby union is a strange game. Euphemisms dominate. The leading international countries are to all effect professional, yet the administrators, head in sand, continue to pretend that the game is amateur. One player lacerates the face of another with his studs, and people are reluctant to say outright who was the guilty man, when everybody knows. Scotland bent the laws until they were almost back to front and nobody, except, it seems, Brian Moore, the England hooker, is willing to spell it out publicly.

Moore said that Scotland wrecked the game. They did. Traditionalists are appalled by his attitude, by his honesty. He has dared to say, like Danny Kaye: "The king is in the altogether". Decent chaps do not say that kind of thing. I say good for Moore. Pretending that things are not the way they are, in rugby, is even worse, in my opinion, than simply ignoring the way things are, as in football.

Scotland were deliberate and cynical in their attitude. Five years ago, to frustrate England at Murrayfield, they had set about collapsing the scrum as often as possible. The referee did almost nothing. On Saturday, at Twickenham, they were offside in loose play continuously throughout the match. Brian Stirling, the Irish referee, could have given Andrew another ten penalty kicks, several of them directly under the posts. In a properly controlled match, Scotland would have been humiliated as the price of their own forlorn expediency.

Frankly, the match as a match was not worth bothering about. If the result had not been all-important, if there had not been a fortnight of expectation and World Cup prognostication hanging on the outcome, you would have been forgiven for walking out before the end. All the talk is of brave Scotland hearts giving the game everything, when all they gave it was a chloroform pad.

We have seen this negative mentality in football for the past 30 years. In no time, the mentality will have gripped rugby union. Unless referees have the courage, and the backing, to stamp on the practice now, to give cards and penalty tries for persistent fouling, rugby can never again be the sport that some people were fooling themselves, at 4.30pm on Saturday, it still is. That belief is wilful self-deception.

A legitimate lesson in playing the referee

By Simon Barnes

There is no getting away from the despicable thing that the Scots did at Twickenham on Saturday. They tried to stop England winning — and that is just not on. Worse — on a different day, they might have succeeded.

"They just ruined the whole game," Brian Moore said afterwards. Well, yes. So what was the scene in the dressing-room before England played France this year? "Thanks, Will — any comments, Mooro?"

"Listen, chaps. Let's go out and have a good time. Let the French run at us. Must entertain the French spectators who came all the way from France. After all, it's only a game."

There are very many ways of trying to win ball games, and Scotland took the option of snuffing out the opposition at its point of greatest strength. It is called "spoiling" in any game, and it is a wholly legitimate tactic.

There is no moral obligation to entertain in sport. The obligation is to do your best to win. Taking bribes to lose is immoral; trying to injure opponents is immoral; killing the ball is dreary, but it is a perfectly legitimate way of trying to win against odds.

"All they did was hang around offside, they crept into the middle of mauls and tried to kill the ball at every opportunity." This was Victor Ubogu, who stands next to Moore, not only in the England scrum.

So they did, but offside is not a matter of morality. The referee was generous about offside: referees vary enormously in a game dependent on interpretation. Play the referee: an important skill in all games.

You assess what he punishes, and you do not do it. You assess his areas of leniency, and work them. England showed that they lack the skill of adjusting to a referee's standards: not a good pointer for the World Cup, when refereeing inconsistency will be crucial.

What hurts Moore is the fact that the Scots might have stolen the game. They stifled the England pack, they did not allow rapid ball to the backs, they forced Andrew into defensive kicking when he might have hoped to attack.

What is more, the Scots had the best player on the pitch, and he came closest to scoring a try. That, of course, was Gavin Hastings, who with the line in sight had the ball stripped away by Catt in what Carling said was perhaps the turning point.

Hastings was less than charmed by the remarks of Insulating Tape Man. All untrue, he said. "We tried to move the ball from all areas of the field, and we came closer to scoring a try than they did." The Scotland back division looked very good indeed at times.

Yes, Scotland might have stolen it, but they did not. The reason is simplicity itself. Every time the generous-hearted referee did choose to punish Scotland, it cost them three points. To kick half the chances would have been a respectable performance, but Andrew was a man inspired, and that is why England won.

Scotland go into the World Cup as the best of the second division. They may not win it, but they can give any side in the world a fright on the day. England had hoped to move swaggering into the elite. Instead, they looked, on Saturday, like the worst of the first. They wanted to send shock-waves through rugby; Scotland did not let them. That is what Moore found unforgivable.

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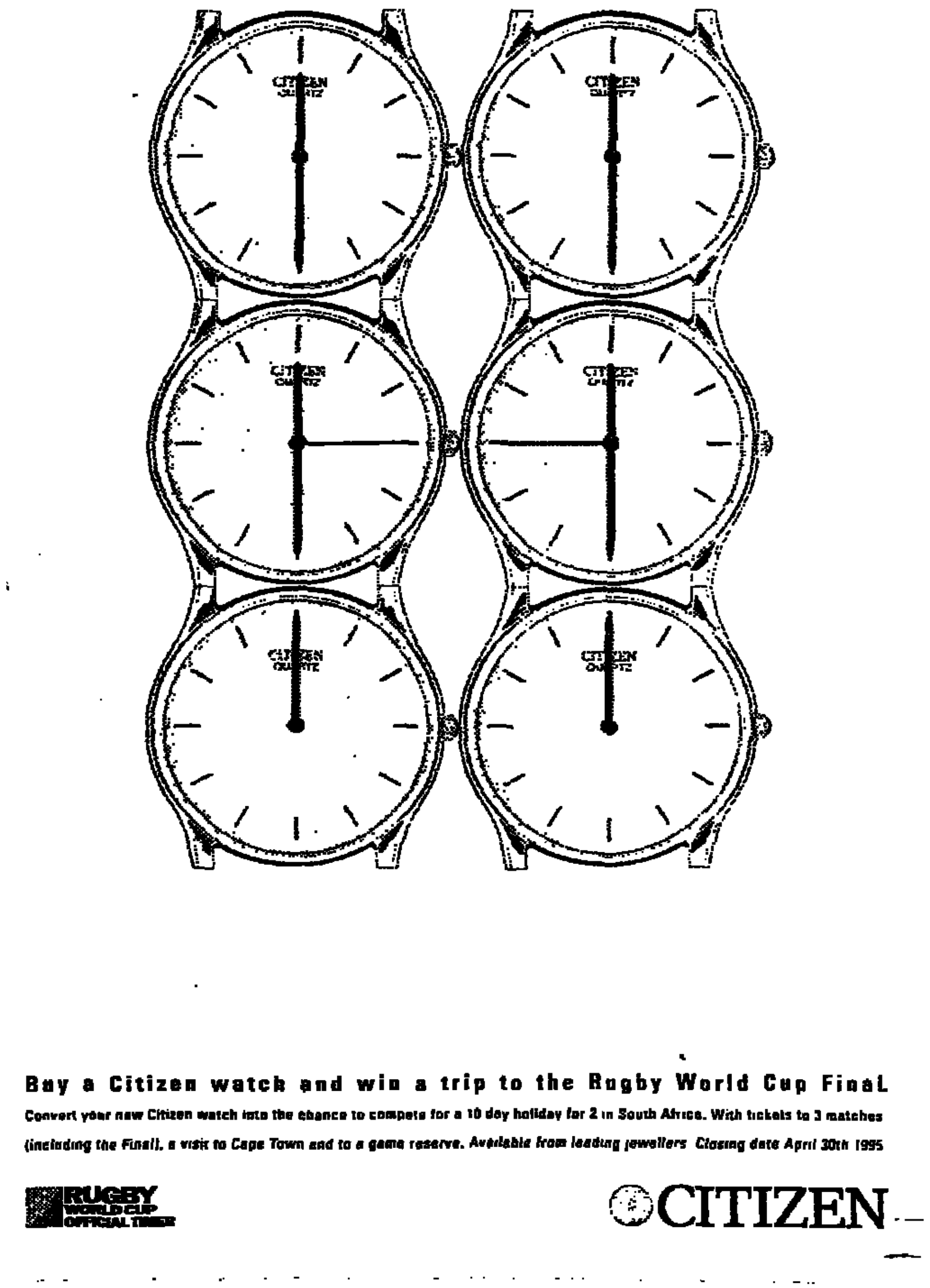
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Challenger captures crown after surviving tenth-round knockdown

Collins points out Eubank's failings

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN MILLSTREET

CHRIS EUBANK, *the great* escape artist who prides himself on winning by doing as little *as possible*, became the victim of his own policy here in Co Cork on Saturday.

He had victory within his grasp in the tenth round when Steve Collins, the challenger for his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title, was out on his feet and needed only one blow to finish him off. Yet, instead of delivering it in person, Eubank preferred to ask Collins to come to him. The Irishman, being well ahead on points, had no intention of doing so and simply survived the next *couple of rounds to relieve* Eubank of his title.

Eubank's critics will no doubt be glad that the man who took so much money from the sport he hated and gave so little in return after winning the title in 1991 will *now* have *to* work *as* a contender to support his extravagant lifestyle.

However, Barry Hearn, Eubank's promoter, believes that, if the former champion decides to carry on boxing, he could get the biggest pay-day *of his career from a return* against Collins at Lansdowne Road or Croke Park.

Hearn said: "I don't know whether he'll come back or not, but, if he does, he'll be bigger than before because the British public have a way of turning round and taking people who have been beaten to their hearts. The return with Collins would be a sellout, bigger than the return with Nigel Benn.

"At this moment, my gut reaction is that he will say: 'I've had a good run, maybe I'll do something else'. But then, the reality of what he's going to do will seep in and he will come to me for advice. I won't volunteer any information unless he asks for it."

Although Eubank had no *complaints about the decision* that gave the bout, 116-114, 115-111, 114-113, to Collins, he must know that, with a little more effort, he could beat Collins next time.

"I thought I did enough, but, obviously, I stayed too close to *the line," Eubank said. "I have* had close shaves and I've come up with the right side of the coin, but, this time, it was the wrong side. Defeat is not such a bad thing when you've had 43 good nights. Perhaps I will now get empathy from the people of my home town of Brighton. Believe it or not, I can walk around easier now."

The expensive mistake of not doing something to stop Collins in the tenth was *shrugged off by Eubank*. However, Ronnie Davies, his trainer, was choked with dis*appointment. "You gave your* title away," Davies said to him. He explained: "I told him *he was two rounds behind and* he had to knock him out. He put Collins down for nine. He needed one more punch."

Eubank replied: "I've always done it my way, even if it is not always the right way. Tonight didn't work. I asked Ronnie to accept that. I'm not a perfect fighter, my brinkmanship is very fine."

If Eubank's brinkmanship failed, Collins's gamesmanship succeeded. The new champion revealed that the talk of being hyponotised be*fore the bout was a trick to put* Eubank off his stroke. "He took the bait, hook, line and rod," Collins said. "We were laughing all the way home [after the weigh-in]. He thought I was a zombie and was crying like a baby wanting to pull out."

Having outwitted Eubank outside the ring, Collins proceeded to outsmart him in it. By using the simple tactic of making Eubank stretch, Collins was able to counter successfully with a jab all night, piling up the points. Of the first seven rounds, I gave Eubank only one.

It was only when, St Patrick and his feast the day before notwithstanding, Collins fell into an adders' nest of blows in the ninth and tenth that *Eubank began to come* back into the bout. By then, it was too late. The boxing ring is not the place to observe H. W. Davies's famous words about standing and staring, though, if Eubank retires, he will have plenty of time for that.

SEAN DEMPSEY

Eubank is left on the ropes during his unsuccessful defence of the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title

Lost Leeds hand Wigan a clear run towards title

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LEEDS ceded a 14-match winning run yesterday and, barring Wigan defying all logic by pressing the self-destruct button, a sixth successive Stones Bitter rugby league championship title is now destined for Central Park.

Wigan's home match with St Helens on April 14 should wrap up a formality, although, if Leeds falter again, it could be sooner. Leeds now require Wigan to lose three of their last seven matches, and a *42-8* win at *Salford is hardly* evidence of a side about to slip on a banana skin.

In ending up flat on their face at the Don Valley Stadium, Leeds were embarrassed by as bad a display as they have given all season. It was a *highly competent Sheffield* performance, but hardly needed to be to knock the champ*ionship contenders* off course.

If Leeds had Wembley on their minds, they might have reminded themselves that they still have to beat Featherstone Rovers in the *semi-finals* of the Challenge Cup. Certainly, they were not focused on the task in hand as the Eagles soared into an early lead that they never relinquished.

After pulling out of a merger with Doncaster, an insolvency firm as match sponsors might have seemed an apposite choice, but Sheffield are far *from bankrupt, particularly* when it comes to attacking ideas. At scrum half, Sheridan marshalled his troops with *unerring precision*.

Leeds pulled back to within a point at 17-16, but disaster *overwhelmed them in the last* 15 minutes. A searing run down the left by Lucchese, the Frenchman, enabled Sodje to reach out and score. Briggs then banged over two quick dropped goals and, when Iro butterfingered a straightforward pass, Price was the beneficiary with the softest of the four tries.

From the outset, Leeds looked lost and disjointed. One-up rugby produced a *first-half score by Lowes*, but Sheffield possessed a far keener cutting edge. This left a *ragged Leeds defence* in ribbons as Sheridan and Hughes found room to score and Mycoe, who landed six of eight goal attempts, *kept the* scoreboard ticking over.

When Cummins beat three men on the right and Mann *found* a *clear channel* for another try, Leeds looked to have got over their hour of *living dangerously*, but they reckoned without Sheffield's spirit, and a dire afternoon was summed up by the sight of Schofield being carried off with a knee injury that has put an appearance in the semi-final on April 1 in doubt.

SCORERS: Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Sheridan, Hughes, Sodje, Price. Goals: Mycoe (6). Dropped goals: Briggs (2), Price. Leeds: Tries: Lowes, Cummins, Mann, Mercer. *Goals: Holroyd (3)*.
SHEFFIELD EAGLES: L Lucchese; B Sodje, D Mycoe, M Gamson (sub: C Briggs, 63min), L Stott; R Price, R Sheridan; P Broadbent, L Jackson, M Cook, P Hughes, K Senior, D Turner (sub: C Randall, 35).
LEEDS: A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins; G Schofield (sub: J Leatham, 57), *G Holroyd; E Faimalo (sub: N Harmon, 29)*, J Lowes, G Mann, G Mercer, R Eyres, E Hanley.
Referee: R Smith.

Salford overpowered

WIGAN remain on course for a *sixth successive title* after a 42-8 victory over Salford at The Willows yesterday. Without five internationals, they still had far too much power and pace for their opponents.

Sean Long, a second-half substitute, showed, in the 31 *minutes that he was on the* field, that he is a player to watch. Salford kept in touch for the first hour, but four tries in the last 19 minutes proved Wigan's superiority. Just before half-time, Connolly intercepted Gregory's short pass to race 75 yards for his second try, and, in the second half, Tuigamala, Aitcheson, Cassidy and Radlinski added further tries for Wigan.

Martin Hall, the Wigan *hooker, was put on report* for an alleged spear tackle. A video of the incident will be viewed by the Rugby Football League this week.

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He teed off with a driver. He used a number three iron for his second shot onto the green, and he holed the putt. Weather conditions were surprisingly bad, with overcast skies, a mist and a fair wind.

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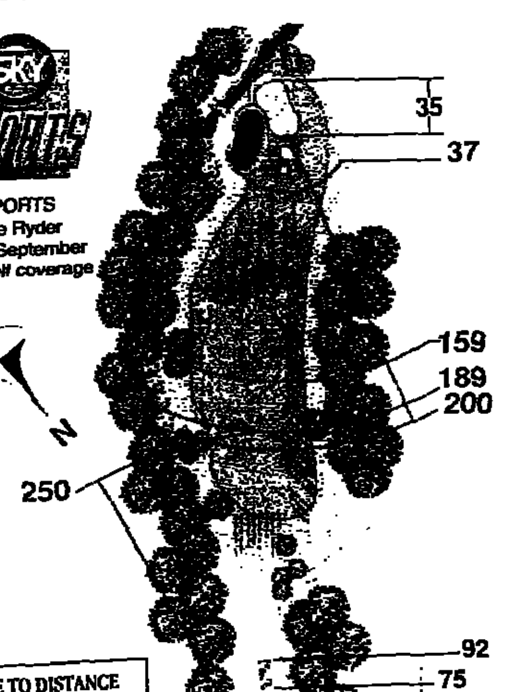
SKY SPORTS adds the Ryder Cup in September *to its golf coverage*



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PER CLUB:
Driver – 250-300 yds
3 iron – 170-210yds

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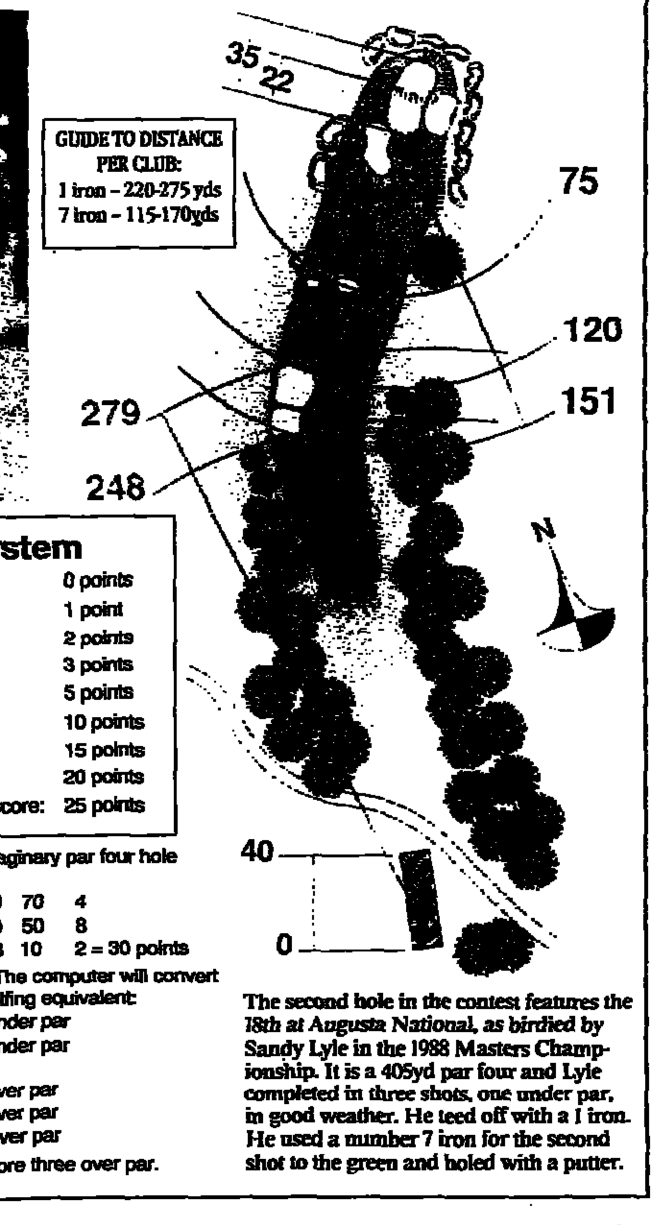

The second hole in the contest features the *18th at Augusta National, as birdied by* Sandy Lyle in the 1988 Masters Championship. It is a 405yd par four and Lyle completed in three shots, one under par, in good weather. He teed off with a 1 iron. He used a number 7 iron for the second shot to the green and holed with a putter.

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Correct answer:	0 points
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30-40 yards off actual score:	20 points
41 yards or more off actual score:	25 points

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Your total score is 30 points. The computer will convert each score to the following golfing equivalent:

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Crucial result extends Blackburn Rovers' lead in the FA Carling Premiership to six points

United's desire folds in face of Liverpool passion

Liverpool 2
Manchester United......... 0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AFTER one of those passion plays exclusive to Anfield, the managers of Liverpool and Manchester United passed in the corridor. Roy Evans, relieved that *his* team had avoided three consecutive home defeats, had already said: "Don't write off United for the title, you do that at your peril." He is a nice enough man to have meant it genuinely, but as Alex Ferguson, four days away from going to Buckingham Palace to receive his CBE, was reminded that Blackburn Rovers come here for the last game of the championship, he responded tartly: "I wouldn't bank on Liverpool doing it!"

The rancour in Ferguson's voice, heavily tinged by the admission that his team had simply failed to pass the ball with anything like their customary skill, mirrored the intense animosity that exists between Liverpool and United.

Before the end, the new Kop began taunting his team and his desire for a third title in three years with the chorus "Always look on the bright side of life". That, of course, is the United anthem, and the way that Liverpool had played, so full of competitive fire and passion, it was as if their own Cup Final was on the line. "It is totally out of order for people to ask me if we felt we were doing any favours for Blackburn today," Evans said. "We were playing for points for Europe, for pride in Liverpool, and we shall play the same way when Blackburn come here."

The same way? One wonders if they could. In midfield Barnes, until his strained thigh obliged him again to retire from the contest, had the beating of Ince. It was no surprise that his passing touch was more refined, but to see him compete, even on the seat of his pants, was rare to the point of disbelief.

Yet, there he was in the 24th minute, grounded by a thundering challenge. There he lay until the ball rebounded off Pallister when Barnes, still firmly seated, nevertheless knowingly swung his left foot at the ball, shielded it, and supplied McManaman. The youngster, leggy, effervescent and tireless, ran the ball towards Rush, but he missed it and so another Liverpool apprentice, Redknapp swept it up.

Full results and league tables ....Page 28

Redknapp now burst forward with thrilling intent. He swerved to the left of Irwin and expertly drove the ball between the legs of the advancing Pallister, wide of the grasp of Schmeichel. It lodged low down neatly inside the far post, Redknapp's third Premiership goal of the season.

"I just swung my left foot." Redknapp said self-effacingly. "I took a bit of stick off the lads, using my left like that!"

United took plenty of stick from Ferguson for the way they allowed themselves to be bullied and bossed in the midfield. Ince was booed at every touch, but he has known that treatment on other grounds. Perhaps he was subdued because on Thursday, Ferguson's day at the Palace, he and Cantona are in the dock at Croydon Magistrates' Court. Whatever the reason, before half-time Redknapp had again shrugged past Ince, had directed the ball cunningly between the United centre-backs, putting Fowler one against one on Schmeichel. The goalkeeper was supreme, holding his ground and then jack-knifing to his right to push the shot away. Where were United? Where was Cole? He, until half-time, was a substitute, watching from the bench. He may have scored five times in one game, but his failure to hit the net in six others has given United little, and what is more, his lack of instant control so often breaks the rhythm of United's touch play. Ferguson had spoken of a thigh strain Cole felt in training on Thursday. A diplomatic strain it must have been, for on he came at half-time, requiring a shuffle that took Keane to right back, Irwin to the left and Sharpe out of the game.

For a time United did raise the tempo, contriving two most threatening strikes, both in the 55th minute. First Kanchelskis crossed on the run, Hughes headed down and Giggs only half-hit his volley; James saved gratefully. Then Ince prompted Hughes to try a left-foot shot, the goalkeeper again reacting swiftly at his near post.

Alas for United that was the highlight and, in that same period, Bruce became one of four players booked — Keane, Redknapp and Thomas were the others — and so Bruce, the United skipper, is now suspended and out of the FA Cup semi-final.

Just as this rough edge of United's desire threatened to wash over Liverpool, so poor Bruce became the architect of his side's self-destruction. Thomas had won the ball with a muscular shoulder charge in midfield, he crossed low from the right, McManaman attempted a shot but it was going nowhere until Bruce deflected it, wrong-footing Schmeichel, scoring an own goal in the 85th minute.

Blackburn are six points clear with eight games to play. Much will depend on how their nerve holds.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — M Wright, N Ruddock, P Babb — J Scales, J Redknapp, J Barnes (sub: M Thomas, 61min), S I Bjornebye — S McManaman, — I Rush (sub: M Walters, 87), R Fowler.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-5-1): P Schmeichel — D Irwin, S Bruce, G Pallister, L Sharpe (sub: A Cole, 46min) — A Kanchelskis, R Keane (sub: N Butt, 83), P Ince, B McClair, R Giggs — M Hughes.
Referee: G Ashby.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Blackburn	34	76	+41	DWWDW
2	Manchester Utd	34	70	+39	LWWDL
3	Newcastle	33	63	+22	WWLWW
4	Liverpool	31	57	+26	DWWLW
5	Nottm Forest	34	57	+15	DDWWW
6	Leeds	32	52	+14	DLWWW
7	Tottenham	32	51	+10	LDWDW
8	Wimbledon	33	45	-15	WLLWW
9	Sheffield Wed	35	43	-3	WDLLL
10	Coventry	35	43	-16	DDDWL
11	QPR	31	41	-1	DWWWL
12	Manchester City	33	41	-7	DDLDW
13	Arsenal	33	40	-1	WWLLL
14	Chelsea	32	40	-5	WDWLL
15	Aston Villa	34	[illegible]	-2	DLLDL
16	Norwich	33	39	-8	DDDDL
17	Everton	34	39	-9	WDLDW
18	West Ham	34	37	-11	WLDDW
19	Crystal Palace	32	34	-11	LLDWL
20	Southampton	[illegible]	33	-9	DLDDL
21	Ipswich	32	23	-41	LWLLL
22	Leicester	34	21	-30	DLLLL

Weekly change Up Stayed the same Down

IAN STEWART

Redknapp fires past Pallister's despairing lunge to score Liverpool's first goal in the victory over Manchester United at Anfield yesterday

Beardsley conjures up last-minute magic

Newcastle United.......... 1
Arsenal 0

BY PETER BALL

IT IS impossible to overestimate Peter Beardsley's importance to Newcastle United. Missing when they were knocked out of the FA Cup at Everton a week ago, he returned yesterday to keep alive their hopes of European qualification, his goal in the dying seconds finally ending Arsenal's spirited resistance.

Until Beardsley's drive from 30 yards flew past Bartram's despairing dive to nestle in the corner, Newcastle had shown few signs of beating the Arsenal goalkeeper, for all their promising approach work. That owed something to Adams, a lot to Bartram's fine work, and more to some weak finishing.

Beardsley showed them how. "They aren't making what he's got any more," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said, searching for new words to describe his team's inspiration.

So both of London's European semi-finalists lost when confronted with the more demanding Northern opposition at the top of the Premier League. But while Chelsea were lucky to escape from Blackburn without a thrashing, Arsenal left Newcastle yesterday feeling hard done by.

In spite of the evidence in Auxerre on Thursday, it is not the old Arsenal, although early signs were discouraging. In the first minute Adams gave the linesman a volley for failing to raise his flag; by the second minute the second offside appeal had been granted; by the fourth Merson had been booked for a petulant show of dissent when pulled up for handball.

But from then on, Arsenal got better. They may never rival Spurs for free-flowing football, but there were signs that Stewart Houston's background as a Manchester United player is rubbing off, and they played far more football than George Graham's dour bunch.

"We came up to try and get points," Houston said, "we haven't got any, but we had a go."

They also stifled Newcastle effectively. Fox and Gillespie always threatened, Beardsley probed and pirouetted, but Kitson was a blunt instrument in front of goal, and as chances went begging, an undercurrent of discontent began to swirl round St James' Park.

The discontent became vocal as Mr Willard gave a free-kick for obstruction as Bould brought down Elliott inside the penalty area and ignored frantic appeals when the ball struck Adams' hand. But there was a sigh of relief when he waved play on as Elliott clipped Wright's heels as he bore down on Srnicek.

"I said to Stewart Houston at half-time 'I think the penalty's been abolished today'," Keegan said, "but at least he was consistent — he didn't give any of them."

Denied his penalty, Wright nearly made up for it early in the second half as he spotted Srnicek off his line and chipped him, but the ball bounced off the bar.

Adams had to kick off the line as Beardsley cut in from the left, Bartram half saving his shot, and Gillespie went close as he beat Merson and Jensen on an exciting run, but his shot curled wide of the far post.

From then on Bartram dealt with everything competently until Beardsley had the last word. "It must have been a great strike to beat our keeper on that form," Houston reflected.

Yet, worryingly for Houston, these were the sort of games that Arsenal used to win 1-0, not lose by that same score.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, B Venison, D Peacock, R Elliott — K Gillespie, P Bracewell, R Lee (sub: L Clark, 72min), R Fox — P Beardsley, P Kitson.
ARSENAL (4-4-2): V Bartram — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — P Merson, J Jensen, S Morrow, G Helder (sub: R Parlour, 72) — I Wright, J Hartson (sub: E McGoldrick, 80).
Referee: G Willard

McGinlay proves a point to Millwall

GAMES in hand are meaningless unless you actually go ahead and win them and Bolton Wanderers, looking increasingly like Endsleigh Insurance League champions, did just that at Millwall yesterday. After both Tranmere Rovers and Middlesbrough had contrived to lose on Saturday, Bolton went to the New Den and chiselled out a workmanlike, but nonetheless invaluable, 1-0 win.

They now trail Tranmere by two just two points at the top of the first division, but have two more games in hand to put that right. On yesterday's evidence, they almost certainly will.

John McGinlay was their matchwinner, scoring his seventeenth goal of the season with a 20-yard drive with just seven minutes left of an otherwise dour encounter. It was particularly sweet for McGinlay, who joined Bolton from Milwall for £125,000 in October 1992.

There was drama at The Hawthorns, where Swindon Town twice came from behind to beat West Bromwich Albion 5-2 in a thrilling relegation struggle. Peter Thorne scored a fine hat-trick that took his goal tally to eight in 11 games since his £200,000 move from Blackburn Rovers. Swindon, nonetheless, remain in the bottom four, although, just above them. Sunderland's worries increased when they lost 3-1 at Grimsby.

County smiling after fun final

Ascoli................................ 1
Notts County.................... 2

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT WAS a fun, family day out. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters with painted faces, furry life-sized mascots, six-a-side kickabouts and penalty shoot-outs. Never mind the cold, and 70,000 empty seats, the Anglo-Italian Cup Final at Wembley yesterday provided many a memory that few, young or old, will forget.

For Notts County, second from bottom in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, and Ascoli, third from bottom in the Italian *Serie B*, it represented a welcome relief from the rigours of rallying against relegation. Neither side suggested they will achieve their ultimate goal, of league survival, but the fruit on the table was at least enthusiastically offered and easy on the palate.

Ascoli, with whom Liam Brady concluded his Italian experience in 1987, rarely got to grips with the awkward 6ft 3in frame of White up front. Bizzarri, the appropriately named goalkeeper, spent most of his time moaning and groaning with typical Latin flair whenever White or his team-mates went near him.

County went ahead in the 12th minute when Bizzarri missed Legg's huge throw in and Agana claimed the final touch before Benetti. Television replays suggested that possibly nobody touched it.

Ascoli equalised in the 32nd minute when Mirabelli tucked home a loose ball but County scored the goal that won the trophy at the second time of asking — they lost 1-0 to Brescia at the same venue last year — when White powered in a header, in first half injury time, from Devlin's deep cross.

Phil Turner, the County captain, led his team up the steps, collected the cup and embarked on the lap of honour. Most of the 11,704 crowd went wild, just like at the end of any other Wembley final.

ASCOLI (4-3-3): M Bizzarri — P Benetti, F Zanoncelli, C Pascucci, C Mancuso (sub: M Milana, 62min) — L Marcato, M Favo, G Bosi — J Binotto (sub: M Menolascina, 77), A Bierhoff, W Mirabelli.
NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): S Cherry (sub: P Reece 74) — C Short, S Murphy, M Johnson (sub. M Emenaco, 74), G Mills — P Devlin, P Turner, M Simpson, A Legg — A Agana (sub: T Gallagher, 86), D White
Referee: C Agius (Malta).

Collymore hogs headlines

Nottingham Forest......... 3
Southampton 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NO GROBBELAAR, no story? No worries. Nottingham Forest possess Stan Collymore and, wherever the shaven-headed one treads, there is a tale not far behind.

Bruce Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, should have provided the headlines at the City Ground on Saturday — how he returned, 72 hours after assisting police with their inquiries into alleged match-fixing, to play a blinder — but it was not to be. Instead, he sat on the substitutes' bench as Dave Beasant, his replacement, tried valiantly to thwart Forest's push for Europe. That was not to be either, two goals from Roy and another from Collymore reflecting Southampton's inferiority.

At least Collymore provided a glimmer of intrigue. When will he agree a new contract? Will he be sold? Why did he miss training on Friday? Why do some of his team-mates dislike him?

Frank Clark, the Forest manager, admits that Collymore, 24, is a maverick, a loner and "a problem", but knows that his continued good health is vital to the club's pursuit of a Uefa Cup place. Contract talks would thus be shelved until the summer, but why did he skip training? To, as a "new man", in Clark's words, sort out a domestic matter.

Collymore, for his part, claimed his eighteenth goal of the season, in the 64th minute, tapping in Stone's cross. Roy's double featured a curling left-footer seven minutes before half-time and a close-range stab with eight minutes left.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — A I Haaland, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, I Woan — S Collymore, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 84min)
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2-) D Beasant — J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, F Benali — T Widdrington (sub: D Hughes, 67), J Magilton, N Maddison (sub: N Heaney, 67), M Le Tissier — N Shipperley, G Watson.
Referee: K Cooper (Mid-Glamorgan)

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Aston Villa: M Bosnich, A Wright, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, I Taylor, D Yorke (sub: U Ehiogu, 71min), G Charles, D Saunders, T Johnson (sub: R Houghton, 46), A Townsend.

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, D Hutchison (sub: J Boere, 79), M Allen, I Bishop, M Rieper, A Cottee, J Moncur, M Holmes (sub: K Rowland, 62).
Referee: M J Bodenham.

BLACKBURN RVRS (2) 2	CHELSEA (1) 1
Shearer 16 Sherwood 37	Stein 3 25,490

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, S Ripley, A Shearer, C Sutton, H Berg, M Atkins, I Pearce.

Chelsea: K Hitchcock, S Clarke, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, P Furlong, M Stein, G Peacock, C Burley, A Myers, N Spackman (sub: D Lee, 83min), D Rocastle (sub: G Hall, 72).
Booked: Clarke, Johnsen, Sinclair.
Referee: P S Danson.

LEEDS UNITED (1) 3	COVENTRY CITY (0) 0
Yeboah 39 Gould (og) 51 Wallace 56	29,179

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, C Palmer, R Radebe (sub: A Couzens, 34min), A Dorigo, R Wallace, M Tinkler, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah.
Booked: Palmer.

Coventry City: J Gould, A Pickering, B Borrows (sub: S Morgan, 56), D Burrows, W Boland (sub: P Williams, 64), K Richardson, P Cook, P Ndlovu, M Marsh, S Flynn.
Booked: Pickering, Boland.
Referee: R Hart.

MANCHESTER C (1) 3	SHEFFIELD WED (2) 2
Rosler 37, 83 Walsh 52 23,355	Whittingham 13 Hyde 21

Manchester City: A Coton, Phelan, Gaudino, Curle, Vonk, Walsh, Flitcroft, Beagrie, Summerbee, Simpson, Rosler.
Booked: Phelan.

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan (sub: Donaldson, 89min), C Waddle, M Bright, J Sheridan, A Pearce, C Bart-Williams, G Hyde (sub: M Williams, 73), D Walker, G Whittingham.
Booked: Atherton, Waddle.
Referee: K W Burge.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 3	SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Roy 38, 81 Collymore 64	24,146

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, Al Haaland, L Bohinen, S Collymore, S Stone, I Woan, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 84min).

Southampton: D Beasant, Magilton, F Benali, Hall, Monkou, M Le Tissier, Shipperley, Maddison (sub: Heaney, 67), Dodd, Widdrington (sub: Hughes, 67), Watson.
Booked: Benali.
Referee: K Cooper.

QPR (1) 2	EVERTON (0) 3
Ferdinand 38 Gallen 80 14,488	Barlow 58 McDonald (og) 67 Hinchcliffe 90

Queen's Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, C Wilson, D Maddix, A McDonald, A Impey, I Holloway, S Barker (sub: G Penrice, 25min), L Ferdinand, K Gallen, T Sinclair.
Booked: Maddix, Ferdinand.

Everton: N Southall, A Hinchcliffe, D Watson, E Barrett, G Ablett, J Ebbrell, B Horne, A Grant (sub: M Jackson, 88), A Limpar, S Barlow, B Angell (sub: D Amokachi, 45).
Booked: Ebbrell, Limpar, Angell.
Referee: K M Morton.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1	LEICESTER CITY (0) 0
Klinsmann 82	30,851

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, J Edinburgh, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, N Barmby, D Anderton, E Sheringham, R Rosenthal, D Howells, J Klinsmann.
Booked: Calderwood.

Leicester City: K Poole, S Grayson, J Willis, M Blake, M Draper (sub: N Lewis, 5min), N Mohan, B Carey, G Parker, D Lowe, M Robins, I Roberts (sub: J Lawrence, 46).
Booked: Carey.
Referee: S Lodge.

WIMBLEDON (1) 2	C PALACE (0) 0
Jones 36 Gayle 60	8,835

Wimbledon: N Sullivan, W Barton, V Jones (sub: M Harford, 88min), D Holdsworth, G Elkins, A Reeves, A Kimble, M Gayle (sub: O Leonhardsen, 90), C Perry, J Goodman, K Cunningham.

Crystal Palace: N Martyn, G Southgate, E Young, C Coleman, I Dowie, C Armstrong, J Salako, R Shaw, D Pitcher, A Preece (sub: D Gordon, 59), R Newman (sub: J Humphrey, 66).
Booked: Young, Newman.
Referee: D Gallagher.

Yesterday

LIVERPOOL (1) 2	MANCHESTER UTD (0) 0
Bruce 85 (og) Redknapp 25	38,906

Liverpool: D James, M Wright, P Babb, N Ruddock, J Scales, S McManaman, J Barnes (sub: M Thomas, 61min), J Redknapp, S Bjornebye, R Fowler, I Rush (sub: M Walters, 88)
Booked: Redknapp, Thomas.

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe (sub: A Cole, 45), G Pallister, P Ince, B McClair, R Keane (sub: N Butt, 83), A Kanchelskis, M Hughes, R Giggs.
Booked: Bruce, Keane.
Referee: G R Ashby.

NEWCASTLE UTD (0) 1	ARSENAL (0) 0
Beardsley 89	35,611

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, M Hottiger, R Elliott, D Peacock, B Venison, P Bracewell, R Fox, R Lee (sub. L Clark, 72min), K Gillespie, P Kitson, P Beardsley.
Booked: Elliott, Bracewell.

Arsenal: V Bartram, L Dixon, N Winterburn, A Adams, S Bould, J Jensen, S Morrow, P Merson, G Helder (sub: R Parlour, 72), J Hartson (sub: E McGoldrick, 79), I Wright.
Booked: Winterburn, Merson.
Referee: G Willard.

Shearer: goal against Chelsea

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	30	2	1	33
Fowler (Liverpool)	22	6	0	28
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	16	8	0	24
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	14	9	0	23
Cole (Man Utd) *(15 for Newcastle)*	16	2	4	22
Le Tissier (Southampton)	13	9	0	22
Wright (Arsenal)	12	3	7	22
Ferdinand (QPR)	18	2	0	20
Sutton (Blackburn)	14	5	1	20

ALAN SHEARER

ALAN SHEARER scored his hundredth league goal, against Chelsea, at the weekend, and in doing so became the first striker since Jimmy Greaves to score more than 30 goals in consecutive seasons in the top flight. His thirtieth league goal of this campaign and 31 last season compares to Greaves's tallies of 37 (1962-63) and 35 (1963-64). The table (below) lists Shearer's 100 league goals and opponents. Teams that have particularly suffered from the Shearer strike rate are Arsenal (6 goals, which include the hat-trick on his debut on April 9, 1988), Aston Villa (6), Everton (7), Leeds United (9) and Queens Park Ranger (8). He has scored against every club in the FA Carling Premiership. All this, after it took him four years to notch his first ten goals.

Season ending	1995	'94	'93	'92	88-91
Arsenal	2	0	1	0	3
Aston Villa	2	2	0	2	
Chelsea	1	1	0	1	2
Coventry	1	2	1	0	
C Palace	0		2	0	
Everton	2	2	2	0	1
Ipswich	4	0	0		
Leeds	1	5	2	1	
Leicester	1				
Liverpool	0	0	1	1	
Luton				1	2
Man City	1	1	0	0	
Man Utd	0	2	0	0	
Newcastle	1	1			
Norwich	0	0	2	0	
Nottm Forest	0		2	1	
Oldham		2	1	2	
QPR	3	1	1	2	1
Sheffield Utd		1	0	1	
Sheffield Wed	2	1	0	0	
Southampton	3	2	0		
Sunderland					1
Swindon		4			
Tottenham	1	2	0	1	
West Ham	3	0		0	
Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	
Totals	30	31	16	13	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	34	15	2	1	49	17	8	5	3	21	12	76	+41
2 Man Utd	34	13	2	1	36	3	8	5	5	27	21	70	+39
3 Newcastle	33	12	5	0	36	13	6	4	6	19	20	63	+22
4 Liverpool	33	10	5	2	31	10	6	4	4	23	16	57	+28
5 Nottm For	34	9	5	3	29	17	7	4	6	24	21	57	+15
6 Leeds	32	9	4	3	24	12	5	6	5	20	18	52	+14
7 Tottenham	32	8	3	5	27	20	6	6	4	25	22	51	+10
8 Wimbledon	33	8	2	6	21	21	5	4	8	18	33	45	-15
9 Sheff Wed	35	5	6	6	20	18	6	4	8	23	28	43	-3
10 Coventry	35	6	6	5	19	21	4	7	7	18	32	43	-16
11 QPR	31	8	3	5	30	22	3	5	7	19	28	41	-1
12 Man City	33	7	6	5	33	24	3	5	7	10	26	41	-7
13 Arsenal	33	4	7	5	17	17	6	3	8	19	20	40	-1
14 Chelsea	32	4	6	6	20	18	6	4	6	20	27	40	-5
15 Aston Villa	34	5	8	5	24	19	4	4	8	22	29	39	-2
16 Norwich	33	7	7	3	22	17	2	5	9	8	21	39	-8
17 Everton	34	7	6	3	25	18	2	6	10	12	28	39	-9
18 West Ham	34	6	4	6	19	18	4	3	11	14	26	37	-11
19 C Palace	32	4	4	8	11	19	4	6	6	12	15	34	-11
20 Soton	31	4	7	4	19	19	2	8	6	22	31	33	-9
21 Ipswich	32	4	2	10	21	30	2	3	11	10	42	23	-41
22 Leicester	34	3	5	8	21	28	1	4	13	15	38	21	-30

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (2) 3 Liddell 18, 35 Sheridan 90	PORT VALE (0) 1 Allon 84 6,878
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 Partridge 12 6,717	BURNLEY (0) 1 Eyres 65
LUTON TOWN (1) 2 James 15 Biggins 67	TRANMERE ROVERS (0) 0 6,660
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 Fuchs 52 Pollock 55 18,168	DERBY COUNTY (3) 4 Mills 19, 29 Pembridge 44 Gabbiadini 69
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 McLoughlin 31 6,667	SOUTHEND UTD (1) 1 Jones 18
SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 2 Flo 61 Beesley 76	*CHARLTON ATH (0) 1* Pardew 89 11,862
STOKE CITY (0) 0 10,006	READING (1) 1 Taylor 38
WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 1 Thomas 23 24,380	WATFORD (0) 1 Phillips 90

Yesterday

GRIMSBY (1) 3 Livingstone 29, 68 Forrester 90	SUNDERLAND (0) 1 Agnew 47 5,697
MILLWALL (0) 0 6,103	BOLTON (0) 1 McGinlay 83
WEST BROMWICH (0) 2 Hunt 53 Rees 60 12,960	*SWINDON (0) 5* Thorne 57, 84, 90 Fjortoft 73 Gooden 80

Anglo-Italian Cup

Final

ASCOLI (1) 1 Mirabelli 32 11,704	NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 Agana 12 White 45

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 4,484	BRISTOL R (0) 2 Miller 57 Skinner 62
CHESTER (0) 1 Milner 69 1,720	CAMBRIDGE UTD (3) 3 Corazzin 12, 40 Butler 32
LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0 3,177	HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 Dunn 66 Jepson (pen) 76
OXFORD UTD (0) 1 Moody 72	BRADFORD CITY (0) 0 5,363
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 4,495	BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (2) 2 Nugent 11 Evans 19	HULL CITY (1) 1 Ormondroyd 14 4,839
ROTHERHAM UTD (0) 0 2,968	BRENTFORD (2) 2 Forster 26 Abrahams 39
STOCKPORT CO (1) 3 Chalk 10, 55 Armstrong 73	CREWE ALEXANDRA (0) 1 Lennon 86 4,946
WREXHAM (0) 0 3,023	CARDIFF CITY (1) 3 Nicholls 24 Griffith 55 Humes (og) 90
WYCOMBE WDRS (0) 0 7,289	BIRMINGHAM C (2) 3 Shearer 33 Claridge 45 Evans (og) 90
YORK CITY (1) 1 Barnes 12	BRIGHTON (0) 0 2,915

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 4 Freedman 39, 56, 67 Tomlinson 63	HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 1,557
CARLISLE (0) 2 Reeves 77, 87 7,769	WALSALL (1) 1 Wilson 13
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 3,808	WIGAN ATHLETIC (0) 0
COLCHESTER UTD (1) 3 Thompson 4 Betts (pen) 79 Lock 87	EXETER CITY (0) 1 Cecere 82 2,375
DARLINGTON (0) 0 1,613	MANSFIELD (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 0 4,031	DONCASTER R (1) 2 Jones 34 Parrish 61
GILLINGHAM (0) 2 Foster 60 Pike 66 2,459	SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 Young 35 Tomboli 85
HEREFORD UTD (0) 2 Smith (pen) 64, 89 1,479	SCARBOROUGH (0) 1 White 70
LINCOLN CITY (2) 2 West 11 Johnson 44 2,939	ROCHDALE (0) 2 Thompson 52 Valentine 56
NORTHAMPTON T (0) 2 Grayson 65 Brown 90	TORQUAY UTD (0) 0 3,832
PRESTON NE (2) 5 Carmichael 41, 89 Conroy 45, 77 Moyes 52	BURY (0) 0 9,626

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Vinnicombe (Burnley), 22.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 24 Fjortoft (Swindon Town). 21 Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers). 20 Creaney (Portsmouth). 18 Whyte (Charlton Athletic). 16 Malkin (Tranmere Rovers); McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), Kelly (Wolverhampton Wanderers). 15 Blake (Sheffield United); Hendrie (Middlesbrough). 14 McCarthy (Oldham Athletic); Foyle (Port Vale); Scott (Stoke City, 12 for Swindon Town)

Second division: 36 Bennett (Wrexham) 25 Booth (Huddersfield Town) 23 Forster (Brentford), Goater (Rotherham United) 22 Moody (Oxford United), Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 21 Jepson (Huddersfield Town). 20 Corazzin (Cambridge United); Taylor (Brentford). 19 Miller (Bristol Rovers). 17 Barnes (York City); Charlery (Peterborough United)

Third division: 22 Reeves (Carlisle): Freedman (Barnet). 21 Wilkinson (Mansfield Town). 20 Lightbourne (Walsall). 29 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff City). 16 Wilson (Walsall). 14 Carter (Bury); Hadley (Mansfield Town). White (Hereford United). 13 Pike (Gillingham); Whitehall (Rochdale).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (0) 0 *10,400*	HIBERNIAN (0) 0
HEARTS (2) 2 Robertson 9 Millar 30	RANGERS (1) 1 Laudrup 44 9,806
MOTHERWELL (0) 2 Burns 54 Arnott 56	DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 Malpas 64 4,457

Postponed: *Celtic* v *Partick Thistle*; Falkirk v Kilmarnock.

FIRST DIVISION

AYR (0) 0 1,372	AIRDRIE (0) 2 Lawrence 89, 90
DUNDEE (1) 3 Shaw 13, 68 Farningham 58 1,788	CLYDEBANK (1) 2 Grady 29 Eadie 81
RAITH (1) 1 Dalziel 17 2,197	STRANRAER (0) 1 Cody 82

Postponed: Hamilton v Dunfermline; St Mirren v St Johnstone.

SECOND DIVISION

BRECHIN (0) 1 Brand 68 456	G MORTON (0) 1 Rajamaki 90
CLYDE (0) 1 *Nisbet 62* 651	EAST FIFE (0) 1 *Cusick 59*
QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 2 Mallan (pen) 48 Campbell 78 705	MEADOWBANK (2) 3 Bailey 4 Wilson 42 Williamson 87
STIRLING (1) 3 McLeod 32 Watters 54, 76	STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 Sprott 75 501

Postponed: Dumbarton v Berwick.

THIRD DIVISION

ARBROATH (1) 2 Porteous 25 Tosh 87	ALLOA (0) 1 Diver 90 488
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 De Mello 33 157	QUEEN'S PARK (1) 3 McPhee 13 McCormick 66, 72
FORFAR (2) 4 Mann 21 Bingham 40, 48, (pen) 88	CALEY THIS (0) 1 Scott (pen) 85 538

Postponed: Albion v East Stirling, Ross County v Montrose.

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Hughes (Stranraer), 87.

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (1) 2 Green 27, 54 702	KETTERING TOWN (1) 4 Brown 1 Holden 47 Thomas 88 Alford 79
BATH CITY (1) 1 Mings 11 448	TELFORD UNITED (0) 1 Roberts 79
DAG & RED (1) 2 Stebbing 15 Richardson 55	MERTHYR TYDFIL (0) 1 Hunter 59 829
FARNBOROUGH T (0) 0 680	YEOVIL TOWN (1) 3 Whale 41 Black 69 Evans 89
HALIFAX TOWN (3) 4 Hutchinson 19 Kiwomya 21 Fleming 45 German 64	WELLING UNITED (0) 0 783
KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1 Forsyth 61 1,616	WOKING (2) 3 Wye 2 Walker 24 Payne 52
NORTHWICH VIC (1) 1 Butler 6 638	DOVER ATHLETIC (2) 3 Lillis 40 Leworthy 44, 62
RUNCORN (2) 3 Thomas 6 Smith 16 Hughes 82	BROMSGROVE R (0) 1 Stott 49 527
STAFFORD RAN (0) 3 Kilbane 55, 61 Mardenborough 90	GATESHEAD (0) 1 Dobson 87 467
STEVENAGE BOR (2) 5 Fortune-West 39 Crawshaw 42 Rattle 55 Hayles 73, 75	STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 Burke 3 879

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	31	14	3	2	39	14	8	2	2	23	12	71
2 Woking	30	7	6	2	32	18	8	2	5	23	23	53
3 Southport	33	10	2	4	39	18	6	3	8	15	26	53
4 Kettering	33	10	4	3	32	17	5	3	8	22	33	52
5 Gateshead	34	10	4	4	23	10	5	3	8	23	33	52
6 Altrincham	31	8	1	8	31	26	7	4	3	34	19	50
7 Halifax	31	10	4	2	41	13	4	4	7	17	30	50
8 Kidderminster	34	6	4	7	24	21	7	4	6	30	30	47
9 Bromsgrove	35	7	6	3	34	28	5	4	10	21	31	46
10 Runcorn	33	10	5	2	34	23	3	2	11	17	37	46
11 Northwich	31	6	6	5	31	24	5	5	4	25	21	44
12 Stevenage	31	7	2	6	32	22	6	3	7	18	18	44
13 Farnborough	33	6	5	5	14	18	6	3	8	16	27	44
14 Stalybridge	35	9	2	5	25	22	2	7	10	21	40	42
15 Bath	34	6	5	5	20	26	4	6	8	19	28	41
16 Dover	32	4	8	3	18	14	5	5	8	19	26	40
17 Dag & Red	35	6	4	7	23	28	4	6	8	22	33	40
18 Welling	32	7	2	7	27	28	4	3	9	21	34	38
19 Telford	30	8	5	1	21	11	1	5	10	15	30	37
20 Merthyr	29	8	3	5	31	23	1	4	8	13	27	34
21 Yeovil	33	4	5	8	19	22	3	5	9	18	32	28
22 Stafford	34	3	4	9	24	28	3	6	9	22	42	28

Yeovil deducted 1 point

GOALSCORERS

Scottish Premier: 17 Coyne (Motherwell). 14 Hateley (Rangers) 13 Laudrup (Rangers); O'Neill (Hibernian), Robertson (Hearts) 11 Dodds (Aberdeen); Jackson (Hibernian); Collins (Celtic)

First division: 21 O'Boyle (St Johnstone), Petrie (Dunfermline). 18 Britton (Dundee); Smith (Airdrie). 17 Dalziel (Raith). 16 Duffield (Hamilton).

Second division: 15 Hawke (Berwick) 14 Lilley (Greenock Morton). 13 Mooney (Dumbarton); Scott (East Fife). 12 Ward (Dumbarton); Watters (Stirling)

Third division: 25 Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 17 Kennedy (Montrose). 16 Bingham (Forfar) 14 McGlashan (Montrose). 13 Grant (Ross County)

Tony Cascarino takes on Patrick Guillou, of Chateauroux, during Marseilles's 2-0 win in a French Cup quarter-final. Photograph: Georges Gobet

EUROPEAN

DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Eindhoven 3 Willem II Tilburg 2; Dordrecht '90 3 Sparta Rotterdam 1. NAC Breda 0 Volendam 1. Positions: 1. Ajax, played 23, 40pts 2, PSV Eindhoven, 26, 38; 3 Roda JC Kerkrade, 24, 38.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lierse 1 St Trond 0; Cercle Bruges 0 RWD Molenbeek 0, AA Ghent 5 Ostend 0; FC Liège 0 Seraing 1. Beveren 0 FC Bruges 2; Anderlecht 3 Royal Antwerp 1; Lommel 2 RSC Charleroi 0. Positions: 1, Anderlecht, played 26, 41pts. 2, Standard Liège, 26, 41. 3, FC Bruges, 24, 34

FRENCH CUP: Quarter-finals: Nancy 0 Paris Saint-Germain 2. Metz 2 Mulhouse 0. Marseilles 2 Chateauroux 0. Strasbourg 2 Bordeaux 0 (aet).

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 0 Bayer Leverkusen 3; SC Freiburg 1 VfL Bochum 2; FC Cologne 5 Schalke 04 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 2 VfB Stuttgart 2. Munich 1860 1 SC Karlsruhe 0; SV Hamburg 1 Bayern Munich 1. Kaiserslautern 1 Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 Werder Bremen 0. Positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 22, 33pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 22, 32; 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 22-30

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B Dortmund	22	14	5	3	48	21	33
W Bremen	22	14	4	4	42	24	32
Monchen'bach	22	12	6	4	48	26	30
Kaiserslautern	22	11	8	3	33	24	30
Freiburg	22	12	4	6	44	32	28
B Munich	22	8	12	2	39	29	28
Karlsruhe SC	22	8	8	6	33	30	24
B Leverkusen	22	7	8	7	36	29	22
SV Hamburg	22	8	5	9	31	30	21
VfB Stuttgart	22	7	7	8	38	41	21
FC Cologne	22	7	6	9	36	39	20
Schalke 04	22	6	8	8	30	34	20
E Frankfurt	22	7	6	9	25	34	20
B Uerdingen	21	3	8	10	20	30	14
VfL Bochum	22	6	2	14	27	46	14
1860 Munchen	21	3	7	11	22	42	13
MSV Duisburg	21	3	6	12	15	34	12
D Dresden	21	3	4	14	18	40	10

GREEK LEAGUE: Apollon 3 Xanthi 1, Aris 2 Athinaikos 0. Doxa 1 Edessaikos 2; Ethnikos 0 Iraklis 1. Larissa 0 Ionikos 1; Panionios 1 OFI; 0 PAOK 2 Panathinaikos 0. AEK 4 Levadiakos 0. Kavala 0 Olympiakos 2. Positions: 1 Panathinaikos, played 24, 61 points. 2, AEK, 24, 48; 3, Olympiakos, 24, 46

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 1 Napoli 1, Brescia 1 Torino 4. Cagliari 0 AS Roma 1, Internazionale 3 Foggia 0. Juventus 1 Cremonese 0. Lazio 4 Genoa 0, Reggiana 2 Parma 2. Sampdoria 0 AC Milan 3. Positions: 1, Juventus, played 24, 55pts; 2, Parma, 24, 49; 3 AC Milan, 24, 42; 4, AS Roma, 24, 41; 5, Lazio, 24, 40

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Lisbon 3 Sporting Braga 0. Positions: 1, FC Porto played 24 43pts; 2 Sporting Lisbon 25, 41, 3, Benfica, 24, 35.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Deportivo La Coruña 0 Atlético Madrid 1. Athletic Bilbao 0 Sevilla 2; Real Oviedo 3 Real Sociedad 0. Real Valladolid 1 Tenerife 4; Celta 0 Real Zaragoza 0. Real Betis 1 Compostela 0: Real Madrid 1 Espanol 0; Logrones 0 Racing Santander 1. Albacete 1 Sporting Gijon 2

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Bishop Auckland 3 Barrow 0; Buxton 3 Guiseley 2, Chorley 1 Accrington Stanley 2; Colwyn Bay 0 Boston 1, Droylsden 1 Spennymoor 2, Emley 1 Winsford 1; Frickley 0 Marine 1; Gainsborough 0 Morecambe 0; Hyde 2 Witton 1. Knowsley 0 Matlock 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	35	24	9	2	66	23	81
Morecambe	33	22	7	4	75	28	73
Guiseley	33	21	8	4	77	45	71
Boston Utd	34	17	9	8	66	33	60
Gainsboro	35	14	11	10	59	49	53
Hyde	31	15	7	9	57	45	52
Spennymoor	32	15	7	10	49	42	52
B Auckland	32	15	6	11	57	39	51
Witton	35	12	13	10	44	43	49
Buxton	33	14	6	13	49	48	48
Barrow	33	15	3	15	52	53	48
Emley	33	11	11	11	50	52	44
Colwyn Bay	31	13	4	14	60	61	43
Winsford	35	9	10	16	51	61	37
Chorley	35	10	6	19	54	73	36
A Stanley	34	8	12	14	37	63	36
Knowsley	33	8	10	15	48	63	34
Frickley	33	8	9	16	45	59	33
Matlock	31	10	3	18	38	53	33
Droylsden	32	8	5	19	44	78	29
Horwich	35	8	4	23	43	70	28
Whitley Bay	36	6	8	22	42	82	26

First division: Ashton 3 Netherfield 1; Atherton LR 0 Gretna 2, Bamber Bridge 0 Alfreton 0. Eastwood 1 Curzon Ashton 1; Goole 1 Congleton 3, Gt Harwood 3 Blyth Spartans 4; Harrogate 1 Radcliffe 2; Lancaster 1 Worksop 1; Mossley 3 Farsley Celtic 1; Warrington 0 Fleetwood 0. Workington 4 Caernarfon 1.

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Solihull 0; Cambridge City 2 VS Rugby 0; Corby 1 *Hastings 1, Crawley 5 Halesowen 1;* Gloucester 1 Rushden and Diamonds 0; Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Cheltenham 1; Gresley 0 Worcester 0, Leek 2 Sittingbourne 0; Sudbury 1 Dorchester 1; Trowbridge 1 Chelmsford 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	30	20	7	3	69	31	67
Cheltenham	30	20	6	4	68	26	66
Gloucester	32	20	5	7	64	31	65
Dorchester	29	15	7	7	58	39	52
Burton	30	14	10	6	42	31	52
Cambridge C	31	15	6	10	49	41	51
Leek Town	29	14	7	8	55	39	49
Gresley	32	14	7	11	56	52	49
Rushden	28	14	6	8	69	41	48
Worcester	33	12	10	11	37	29	46
Halesowen	31	11	9	11	63	56	42
Gravesend	29	10	9	10	28	32	39
Solihull	33	8	12	13	33	51	36
Hastings	29	8	10	11	33	38	34
Crawley	29	8	6	15	42	58	30
Atherstone	30	7	9	14	34	53	30
Chelmsford	28	8	5	15	36	42	29
Sudbury	29	7	7	15	36	61	28
VS Rugby	30	6	9	15	29	48	27
Sittingbourne	31	7	6	18	30	58	27
Trowbridge	30	5	9	16	28	52	24
Corby Town	31	4	8	19	30	80	20

Midland division: Bedworth 1 Stourbridge 0; Buckingham 0 Newport 0; Evesham 0 Bridgnorth 2, Ilkeston 0 Bilston 4, King's Lynn 3 Armitage 1, Moor Green 1 Grantham 1, Nuneaton 0 Rothwell 1; RC Warwick 2 Forest Green 0; Redditch 1 Dudley 2; Tamworth 1 Hinckley 2.

Southern division: Bashley 0 Margate 0; *Clevedon 2 Burnham 2; Newport IOW 3* Fisher 93 1; Poole 3 Ashford 3; Salisbury 1 Bury 0; Tonbridge 3 Havant 3; Waterlooville 2 Weymouth 0; Weston-Super-Mare 1 Baldock 1, Yate 4 Wealdstone 0.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 2 Molesey 4; Bishop's Stortford first Albans 2; Bromley 2 Hayes 0; Carshalton 0 Kingstonian 0; Dulwich 0 Slough 2. Grays 2 Marlow 1; Harrow 3 Purfleet 5; Hitchin 4 Chesham 3; Walton and Hersham 1 Sutton 0; Wokingham 0 Enfield 3; Yeading 0 Hendon 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hayes	30	17	9	4	46	26	60
Enfield	30	17	8	5	68	35	59
Bromley	32	15	8	9	57	46	53
Slough	27	14	9	4	54	36	51
Aylesbury	28	15	5	8	58	35	50
Purfleet	33	12	9	12	66	71	45
Carshalton	32	13	6	13	50	57	45
St Albans	26	12	8	6	71	55	44
Dulwich	31	12	8	11	52	52	44
Kingstonian	31	12	7	12	52	45	43
Walton H	31	11	9	11	62	54	42
Molesey	29	12	6	11	49	43	42
Harrow	30	12	5	13	48	50	41
Grays	31	9	13	9	42	44	40
Yeading	29	9	11	9	46	45	38
Hitchin	27	8	10	9	44	50	34
B Stortford	32	8	9	15	41	64	33
Hendon	29	8	8	13	35	46	32
Sutton Utd	29	8	7	14	43	46	31
Chesham	28	6	7	16	44	65	25
Marlow	29	5	8	16	31	59	23
Wokingham	29	5	4	20	31	66	19

First division: Abingdon 0 Aldershot 2, Basingstoke 3 Newbury 1, Berkhamsted 1 Uxbridge 0, Billericay 0 Bognor Regis 0; Dorking 2 Worthing 5; Heybridge Swifts 1 Wembley 0, Leyton 0 Maidenhead 0; Staines 1 Ruislip Manor 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1 Barking 1; Whyteleafe 0 Chertsey 3; Wivenhoe 1 Boreham Wood 4. Second division: Banstead 2 Edgware 1; Bracknell 0 Windsor and Eton 0; Cheshunt 1 Croydon 1; Hampton 1 Chalfont St Peter 3, Hemel Hempstead 1 Egham 1; Leatherhead 2 Ware 2, Malden Vale 2 Barton 2, Saffron Walden 3 Aveley 1, Tilbury 2 Hungerford 2; Witham 1 Metropolitan Police 0. Third division: Clapton 2 East Thurrock 0, *Collier Row 1 Harlow 1*, Feltham and Hounslow 4 Tring 3. Harefield 1 Bedford 2; Hertford 1 Hornchurch 1; Horsham 2 Flackwell Heath 1; Kingsbury 1 Epsom and Ewell 0; Lewes 1 Camberley 3; Northwood 1 Leighton 1; Southall 1 Canvey Island 6

FA VASE: Semi-finals: First leg: Belper 1 Oxford City 0; Raunds 3 Arlesey 0

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 1 Lincoln 1; Brigg 2 Sheffield 3; Glasshoughton Welfare 4 Hucknall 0; Hallam 0 North Ferriby 1; Liversedge 0 Pontefract Collieries 0; Maltby MW 0 Armthorpe Welfare 0; Ossett Town 2 Denaby 1; Stocksbridge PS 2 Pickering 1, Thackley 2 Ossett Albion 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1 Paulton 1; Bristol Manor Farm *3 Crediton 0. Chippenham 1 Elmore 3; Odd* Down 2 Bideford 1; Westbury 4 Liskeard 1; Mangotsfield 1 Saltash 2. Postponed: Tiverton v Calne, Torrington v Bridport.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 1 Chatteris 0. Hadleigh 1 Diss 3; Harwich and Parkeston 2 Watton 0, Histon 2 Cornard 0, Lowestoft 0 March 1; Newmarket 3 Great Yarmouth 0; Sudbury 1 Wroxham 1; Tiptree 0 Stowmarket 0; Wisbech 1 Halstead 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 4 Chadderton 1, Clitheroe 3 Bootle 2, Darwen 0 St Helens 0; Glossop North End 2 Bacup 0; Holker Old Boys 2 Newcastle 2; Rossendale 1 Prescot 2; Salford 1 Maine Road 0, Skelmersdale 1 Nantwich 1. Postponed: Bradford Park Avenue v *Kidsgrove.*

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 2 Eppleton CW 0; Chester Le Street 0 Whitby 3; Consett 1 RTM Newcastle 3; Ferryhill 3 Hebburn 1; Guisborough 1 Durham 1; Murton 0 Northallerton 2; Prudhoe 3 West Auckland 1; Shildon 1 Billingham Synthonia 1; Tow Law 2 Dunston FB 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd 0 Millwall 2. Charlton 1 Portsmouth 2. Ipswich 2 Tottenham 0; Leyton Orient 1 Fulham 0. Norwich 3 Arsenal 3; QPR 1 Chelsea 0. Southend 1 Gillingham 1; Watford 1 West Ham 0 *Second division:* Bournemouth 5 Wycombe 2; Brentford 0 Reading 1, Bristol City 3 Luton 0. Bristol 0 Swindon 1. Colchester 0 Oxford 2: Tottenham 1 Crystal Palace 1; Wimbledon 1 Southampton 0

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon 1 Ford 1, Brentwood 1 Bowers 2; Gt Wakering 2 Burnham Ramblers 0. Hullbridge Sports 0 East Ham 2, Southend Manor 0 Maldon 5. Stansted 1 Concord 0

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Carterton 1 Almondsbury 1; Cinderford 1 Banbury 1; *Highworth 0 Fairford 6; Kintbury* 0 Pegasus Juniors 4. Shortwood 3 Abingdon 1; Swindon Supermarine 4 Brackley 1; Tuffley 3 Cirencester 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere St M 0 Barwell 1; Boldmere Swifts 1 Shepshed D 2; Brierley Hill 0 *Rocester 3, Hinckley Athletic 0 Willenhall 1;* Knypersley Vic 4 Paget 0, Pershore 1 Chasetown 1; Sandwell 1 Shifnal 2; Stapenhill 0 Stratford 2; West Mid. Police 2 Halesowen Harr 0; Oldbury 5 Rushall O 1

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Totton 0 Bournemouth 2; Aerostructures 2 AFC Lymington 3; Brockenhurst 1 Bemerton Heath Harl 2. Cowes Sports 1 Christchurch 0; Eastleigh 1 Andover 0; Fleet 3 Swanage and Herston 0; Gosport 0 Portsmouth RN 1; Horndean 1 BAT 1; Petersfield 1 Thatcham 7; Ryde Sports 2 Downton 0; Wimborne 2 East Cowes Vics 2

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash 4 DCA Basingstoke 2; Ashford 1 Chipstead 0. Bedfont 4 Merstham 1. Hartley Wintney 0 Netherne 2; Horley 0 Godalming and Guildford 3. Viking Sports 2 Cranleigh 0.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 0 Hailsham 1, Burgess Hill 0 East Grinstead 0. Eastbourne 0 Littlehampton 4. Langney Sports 2 Crowborough 0, Newhaven 0 Whitehawk 0. Pagham 0 Ringmer 1; Shoreham 3 Oakwood 0; Slamco 7 Portfield 1. Three Bridges 3 Southwick 1.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 3 Faversham 0; Cray 0 Herne Bay 0; Crockenhill 2 Deal 1; Dartford 0 Darenth Heathside 1. Furness 2 Corinthian 0; Kent Police 1 Beckenham 3; Slade Green 1 Sheppey 1. Thamesmead 2 Chatham 0 Postponed: Tunbridge Wells v Greenwich. Cup: Semi-finals second leg: Ramsgate 4 Folkestone Invicta 0.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Premier division: Highgate 1 *Chelmsley 2; Kings Heath 2 Knowle 2.* Sherwood Celtic 1 Northfield 3. Olton Royale 4 Shirley 1. Wellesbourne 1 Ansells 0. W Midland Fire Service 1 Coleshill 1 Postponed: Mer KA v Upton.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brimsdown 3 Tower Hamlets 4; Beaconsfield Sycob 0 Willesden 0; Brook House 0 St Margaretsbury 1, Corinthian Casuals 3 Hillingdon 0, Walthamstow 3 Croydon 1; Haringey 3 Amersham 1

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties League: Premier division: Eynesbury 1 Long Buckby 1; Holbeach 1 Stamford 1. Newport Pagnell 2 Desborough 0: Northampton Spencer 2 Mirrlees Blackstone 1; Potton 5 Bourne 0; Spalding 2 Kempston 3; S and L Corby 1 Stotfold 0; Wellingborough 0 Boston 4; Wootton 0 Cogenhoe 4.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich Strollers 2 Darlaston 1. Cradley 0 Lye 1. Ludlow 3 Hill Top 0. Malvern 0 Pelsall Villa 4; Manders 1 Gornal 3. Walsall Wood 3 Tividale 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tenisonians 1 Aloysians 0; Chertsey 2 Danes 4, Meadonians 2 Hamptonians 0, Glyn 2 Cardinal Manning 0, Ignatians 1 Clapham 1. Senior first division: Isleworthians 2 Phoenix 3, Latymer R 7 Edmontonians 0. Shene 2 Wokingians 1; Suttonians 4 Kingsburians 1. Senior second division: Manorians 1 Vaughanians 2, Minchendenians 1 Enfield 0. John Fisher 1 *Westhamians 0, Meadonians R* 3 *Tollingtonians 2. Camdenians 4 Ignatians R* 2. Senior third division: Phoenix R 3 Alpertonians 0: Hamptonians R 1 Latymer R 3, Glyn R 2 Leyton 4: Greenfordians 0 Grocers 0

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Crouch End Vampires 0 Winchmore Hill 1, Old Latymerians 3 Civil Service 2, West Wickham 1 Norseman 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
O Esthameians	15	10	2	3	33	17	22
Civil Service	16	8	2	6	25	25	18
South Bank Poly	10	8	1	1	23	8	17
West Wickham	18	6	5	7	20	22	17
East Barnet OG	13	7	2	4	32	25	16
Old Actonians	13	6	4	3	25	21	16
Norsemen	13	5	3	5	17	15	13
CE Vampires	13	3	5	5	18	19	11
NatWest Bank	11	5	1	5	22	23	11
*Winchmore Hill	17	2	8	7	20	31	11
Old Latymerians	15	3	2	10	21	39	8
Midland Bank	14	2	3	9	18	28	7

(* *Winchmore Hill deducted* 1 point for *fielding an ineligible player)*

Second division: Lensbury 0 Broomfield 0. Old Stationers 1 Old Bromleians 3. *Carshalton 4 Alexandra Park 0; Lloyds Bank* 2 Kew Association 1; Old Westminster 0 Old *Parkonians 4* Third division: Brentham 1 Barclays Bank 4. Alleyn OB 2 Old Salesians 2; Southgate Olympic 2 Ibis 1. Reigate Priory 1 Old Lyonians 6; Cuaco 1 Merton 3

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE. Senior First: Mill Hill Village 2 Parkfield 1, Old Owens 2 Ulyssos 2; Wandsworth 1 Southgate County 1: Witan 3 Old Grammarians 1 Senior Second: Duncombe Sports 0 UCL Academicals 3. Hadley 1 Old Bealonians 2, Hale End 2 Corinthian *Casuals 0. Old Parkonians 0 Ealing* Association 2; Old Finchleians 2 Albanian R 6. Senior Third: London Welsh 2 Birkbeck College 1, Old Colleians 0 City Of London 2; Old Monovians 0 Westerns 8, Old Woodhouseians 1 Fulham Compton OB 2. Pollygons 0 BBC 13

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2 Maesteg Park 0, Afan Lido 2 Barry 0. Bangor City 4 Mold 0; Cwmbran 1 Caersws 1; *Flint Town 4 Llansantffraid 0; Inter Cardiff* 1 Ebbw Vale 1. Llanelli 0 Ton Pentre 2; Newtown 4 Holywell 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	29	23	3	3	74	20	72
Cwmbran	*30*	*17*	*3*	*10*	*53*	*39*	*54*
Afan Lido	26	16	6	4	42	29	54
Newtown	27	15	6	6	66	34	51
Ton Pentre	25	14	6	5	53	31	48
Llans'fraid	28	14	4	10	52	44	46
Rhyl	30	13	4	13	59	51	43
I Cardiff	26	11	9	6	46	30	42
Conwy	29	12	6	11	48	46	42
Flint Town	28	13	2	13	55	50	41
Barry Town	27	10	9	8	51	44	39
Holywell	27	10	8	9	44	44	38
Connah's Q	28	10	7	11	45	46	37
Ebbw Vale	29	9	6	14	41	46	33
Caersws	28	8	8	12	42	47	32
Mold	30	9	4	17	46	70	31
Porthmadog	28	7	6	15	41	52	27
Aberystwyth	27	4	11	12	38	54	23
Llanelli	31	5	5	21	49	98	20
Maesteg Pk	27	1	5	21	16	87	8

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 1 Coleraine 2. Ballymena 0 Cliftonville 1; Bangor 2 Newry 2; Carrick 1 Portadown 2. Crusaders 1 Omagh 1, Glenavon 4 Linfield 0, Glentoran 4 Ards 1, Larne 0 Distillery 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	2	1½	2	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23 and 23½ points: possible jackpot with seven jackpot draws, two high-score draws and six no-score draws

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Tranmere	37	15	2	1	44	17	4	6	9	13	23	65	57
2 Bolton	35	14	3	1	39	11	4	6	7	19	24	63	58
3 Middlesbro	36	12	3	4	33	16	6	6	5	19	16	63	52
4 Sheff Utd	37	11	6	2	32	14	5	6	7	30	28	60	62
5 Wolves	35	13	3	3	34	16	5	3	8	25	30	60	59
6 Reading	37	8	6	4	22	15	9	2	8	20	20	59	42
7 Barnsley	35	12	4	2	35	16	4	4	9	15	25	56	50
8 Derby	36	9	5	3	29	15	6	5	8	20	22	55	49
9 Grimsby	37	10	6	3	34	17	3	7	8	20	30	52	54
10 Luton	36	7	4	7	27	22	7	5	6	23	28	51	50
11 Watford	35	9	6	2	23	12	4	6	8	16	24	51	39
12 Millwall	36	9	6	3	29	16	3	6	9	18	29	48	47
13 Charlton	35	8	4	6	26	21	4	5	8	21	30	45	47
14 Oldham	35	8	7	3	28	19	3	4	10	19	29	44	47
15 Portsmouth	37	7	6	6	26	25	4	5	9	16	28	44	42
16 West Brom	37	10	2	6	22	20	2	6	11	14	29	44	36
17 Port Vale	35	9	4	5	26	20	2	6	9	17	28	43	43
18 Southend	37	9	2	7	21	19	3	5	11	17	45	43	38
19 Sunderland	37	3	10	5	17	18	6	5	8	17	19	42	34
20 Stoke	34	6	5	5	21	14	4	7	7	12	24	42	33
21 Swindon	35	7	6	4	22	21	3	4	11	22	36	40	44
22 Bristol City	37	7	7	5	24	25	3	2	13	12	27	39	36
23 Notts Co	36	6	6	6	22	21	2	3	13	17	30	33	39
24 Burnley	35	4	6	6	22	23	3	5	11	11	34	32	33

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Brentford	36	12	2	4	37	12	9	4	5	30	16	69	67
2 Huddersfield	37	12	4	2	38	16	7	8	4	29	23	69	67
3 Oxford Utd	36	12	3	3	27	15	7	5	6	31	26	65	58
4 Birmingham	33	10	4	2	39	13	8	5	4	23	13	63	62
5 Crewe	35	11	1	5	35	24	7	4	7	26	33	59	61
6 Bristol R	34	11	5	1	39	17	5	6	6	17	15	59	56
7 Blackpool	38	11	3	5	37	26	6	5	8	19	28	59	56
8 York	36	10	3	5	30	18	7	3	8	23	24	57	53
9 Hull	34	10	4	4	33	15	6	4	6	22	27	56	55
10 Swansea	35	7	8	3	19	11	7	6	4	28	24	56	47
11 Wycombe	34	8	6	2	22	14	7	5	6	22	24	56	44
12 Bradford	35	8	5	5	26	22	7	4	6	23	24	54	49
13 Stockport	36	10	2	7	33	24	5	4	8	18	25	51	51
14 Wrexham	35	9	5	5	35	24	4	6	6	20	28	50	55
15 Brighton	36	6	8	4	19	12	5	4	9	22	28	45	41
16 Peterboro	35	4	9	5	21	27	6	5	6	23	31	44	44
17 Shrewsbury	36	7	7	4	28	22	3	5	10	17	26	42	45
18 Rotherham	36	9	5	4	28	21	1	7	10	16	28	42	44
19 Cambridge	37	6	6	6	28	26	2	6	11	18	37	36	46
20 Plymouth	34	5	3	8	16	28	4	2	12	18	39	32	34
21 Bournemth	37	4	4	10	19	34	3	6	10	16	30	31	35
22 Cardiff	36	3	5	9	17	21	4	3	12	20	39	29	37
23 L Orient	35	5	6	7	17	19	0	1	16	8	38	22	25
24 Chester	36	4	4	10	20	38	0	4	14	10	35	20	30

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	33	12	4	0	28	8	10	5	2	28	13	75	56
2 Chesterfield	33	9	6	2	18	6	8	4	4	28	24	61	46
3 Walsall	31	12	2	3	36	17	5	6	3	21	16	59	57
4 Mansfield	34	9	3	5	38	20	8	3	6	33	25	57	71
5 Bury	31	10	5	1	28	10	6	2	7	21	18	55	49
6 Preston	33	11	2	4	32	15	4	5	7	16	20	52	48
7 Doncaster	33	8	5	4	25	13	6	5	5	18	14	52	43
8 Colchester	33	7	5	5	23	23	7	3	6	21	25	50	44
9 Scunthorpe	33	9	2	6	33	22	5	4	7	21	25	48	54
10 Barnet	33	7	5	4	29	17	6	3	8	12	28	47	41
11 Fulham	33	7	5	5	30	21	4	8	4	16	21	46	46
12 Torquay	34	9	6	2	30	21	3	3	11	14	27	45	44
13 Lincoln	32	9	5	2	28	14	2	3	11	13	29	41	41
14 Wigan	31	4	4	6	20	22	7	3	7	24	25	40	44
15 Rochdale	32	6	4	5	18	17	4	6	7	19	35	40	37
16 Darlington	33	6	4	7	21	21	4	3	9	14	22	37	35
17 Hereford	33	7	4	6	16	17	2	4	10	20	37	35	36
18 Northamptn	34	6	3	8	18	24	1	8	8	16	27	32	34
19 Exeter	32	5	4	6	21	26	3	4	10	9	26	32	30
20 Gillingham	32	5	5	5	20	18	2	3	12	13	32	29	33
21 Hartlepool	33	6	3	7	22	27	1	5	11	9	31	29	31
22 Scarboro	32	2	6	8	17	24	3	2	11	17	31	23	34

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	29	9	4	1	24	8	7	4	4	26	18	56	+24
2 Motherwell	28	6	6	3	24	20	5	5	3	18	19	44	+3
3 Hibernian	28	7	6	1	31	15	1	9	4	6	12	39	+10
4 Celtic	27	5	7	2	18	14	2	9	2	11	10	37	+5
5 Hearts	27	8	4	2	23	10	2	2	9	12	27	36	-2
6 Kilmarnock	27	7	3	3	18	10	1	6	7	15	27	33	-4
7 Falkirk	28	5	3	5	17	19	2	8	5	19	23	32	-6
8 Dundee Utd	28	6	5	2	22	13	2	3	10	11	30	32	-10
9 Aberdeen	29	5	7	3	20	14	1	4	9	12	24	29	-6
10 Partick	27	3	7	4	17	17	3	2	8	10	24	27	-14

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dundee	28	10	3	2	31	14	6	3	4	18	15	54	+20
2 Raith	28	7	7	1	25	16	7	3	3	20	12	52	+17
3 Dunfermline	27	9	2	2	28	8	5	7	2	23	19	51	+24
4 Airdrie	28	5	6	3	19	10	9	2	3	25	16	50	+18
5 St Johnstone	27	8	4	1	30	10	3	7	4	16	19	44	+17
6 Hamilton	27	7	2	4	19	15	2	4	8	7	22	33	-11
7 Clydebank	28	3	5	6	15	17	3	5	6	11	18	28	-9
8 St Mirren	27	3	4	6	12	15	1	6	7	11	26	22	-18
9 Ayr	28	4	5	6	18	23	0	4	9	6	26	21	-25
10 Stranraer	28	3	4	6	13	19	1	1	13	10	37	17	-33

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dumbarton	27	9	3	2	34	13	4	4	5	12	15	46	+18
2 G Morton	28	9	3	1	24	8	4	4	7	14	17	46	+13
3 Berwick	27	9	3	1	17	8	3	4	7	25	30	43	+4
4 Stenhsmuir	27	5	7	1	18	10	6	3	5	18	20	43	+4
5 Clyde	28	6	5	4	28	20	5	3	5	18	19	41	+7
6 Stirling	28	6	3	5	22	17	6	2	6	19	19	41	+5
7 East Fife	28	6	2	6	26	22	4	6	4	14	20	38	-2
8 Queen of S	27	4	3	7	20	21	4	5	4	14	18	32	-5
9 Meadowbnk	28	4	2	7	12	16	4	2	9	19	30	25	-15
10 Brechin	28	4	3	8	15	23	2	1	10	6	26	22	-29

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	27	11	2	0	32	10	7	2	5	17	16	58	+23
2 Ross County	26	6	1	5	26	18	7	4	3	20	13	44	+15
3 East Stirling	25	7	1	5	22	15	6	3	3	25	21	43	+11
4 Alloa	27	5	3	5	15	16	7	3	4	25	22	42	+2
5 Montrose	24	6	3	4	22	14	5	3	3	18	12	39	+14
6 Caley This	28	4	6	3	23	26	6	2	7	18	24	38	-9
7 Cowdenbth	27	3	4	6	18	24	7	1	6	22	17	35	-1
8 Arbroath	28	5	3	8	19	22	4	1	7	20	27	31	-10
9 Queen's Pk	27	5	2	7	17	22	3	3	7	19	25	29	-11
10 Albion	25	2	0	10	11	24	1	3	9	7	28	12	-34

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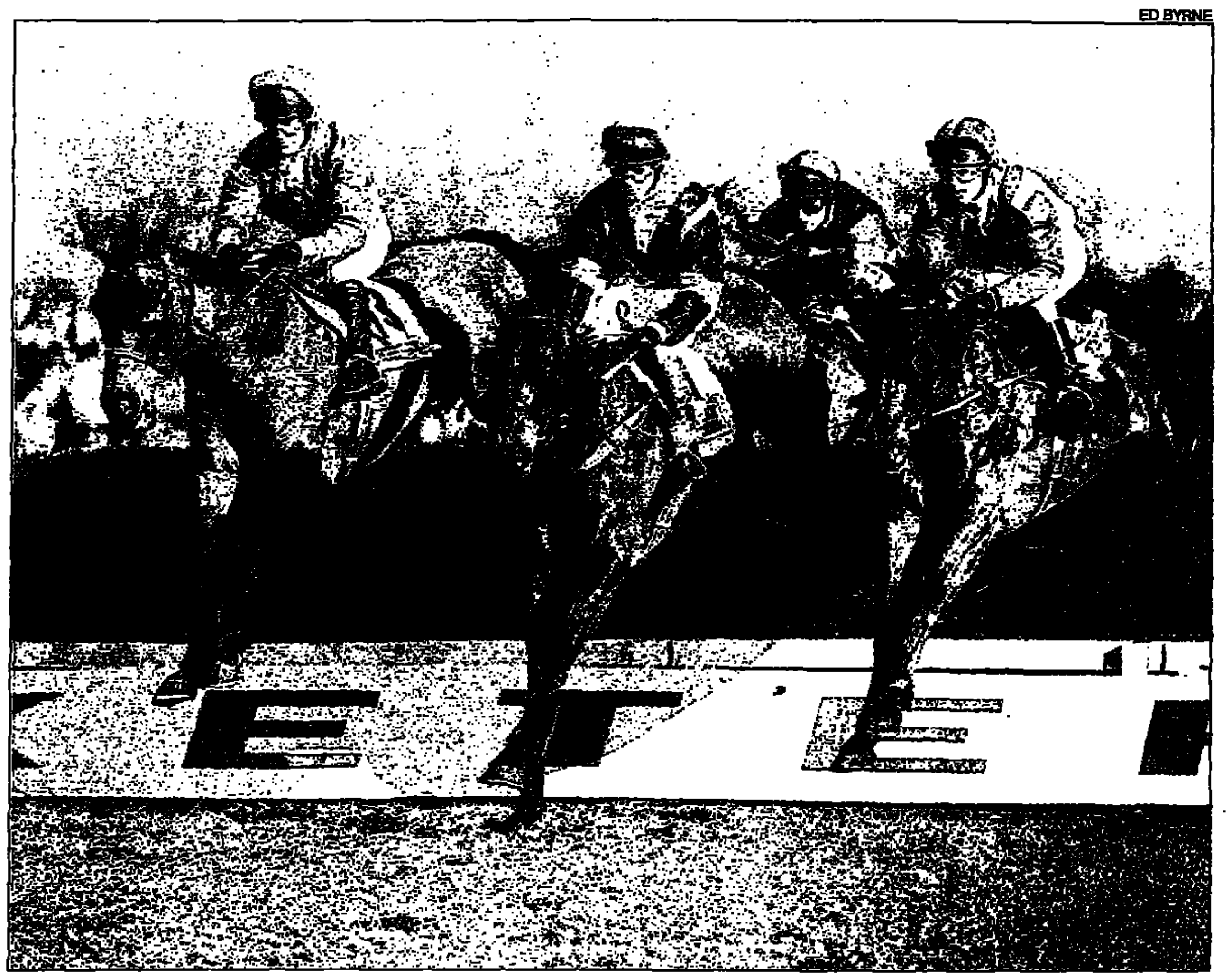
Williamson continues on cloud nine

By Alan Lee


ED BYRNE

The winner Lucky Lane, centre, is not short of company as he jumps out on the second circuit at Uttoxeter on Saturday

THEY had strutted their stuff through the maddest, merriest week of the racing year but there was no time now to rest and reflect. The life of the steeplechase jockey is unrelenting, in a way that applies to no other sportsmen, and so they were back among us on Saturday, necks on the line and hearts on their sleeves.

Nothing can follow Cheltenham but Uttoxeter had a good try. The best little racecourse in the country used to be a closely kept secret. Not any more. Almost 14,000 squeezed in to see 77 horses compete for £133,000 prize-money.

Here, the theatre was more human than equine. Beneath their helmets and goggles, the feelings of jockeys are not always public property. But no-one could be blind to the emotions of Norman Williamson and Peter Niven as they explored the opposite extremes of their world.

Williamson is coming to terms with celebrity status and he looked drained. After an evening out with Charlie Swan that the Irish champion described as "a quiet night" and Williamson did not, he rode the favourite, Captain Tandy, in the opening selling hurdle. It was back to earth in more ways than one. Williamson was unseated.

When he pulled up Richville in the ensuing Ladbroke Handicap Chase Williamson began to think the humdrum days were back. Then he went out on Lucky Lane, a 12-1 outsider running from a stone out of the handicap, and gave an exhibition of positive front-running to win the week's final showpiece, the Tetley Bitter Midlands National. Cloud nine was, after all, still occupied.

Lucky Lane is more accustomed to running in minor events at Fontwell or Taunton where, six years ago, his trainer, Phillip Hobbs, succeeded in selling him to owner Rod Hamilton thanks to a convenient cow. "The agreement was that Rod would buy him if he finished in the first three," explained Hobbs's wife, Sarah. "He came into the straight last but there was a cow by the track and he hates them so much he flew."

Lucky Lane may now go for the Scottish National, target of Saturday's runner-up, Arthur's Minstrel. Where Williamson goes is still more interesting. Can he be champion jockey? Not this season, perhaps, because with 93 winners he is still 30 adrift of Richard Dunwoody. But next season he will be a serious threat. Life, for him, has changed within a week.

Cheltenham was not so kind to Niven but he came to Uttoxeter with a favourite's chance in four of the feature events. Niven is one of the game's inscrutables but what happened next shattered his defences. Grey Power, a courageous mare, was a favourite of Niven's. The owners were personal friends from north of the border and they deserted the rugby for a 400-mile round trip, confident their horse could win the EBF Tattersalls Mares Novices' Chase Final. There was fleeting disappointment when she finished a gallant second behind Ninfa, then desolation when she collapsed and died five yards outside the winner's enclosure.

It was one of those moments when even the hard noses of racing, imbued with the logic of why such horses exist, bow their heads. Niven crouched over the motionless mare and wept inconsolably. There was no escape, no corner to crawl into, for he had to go out minutes later and ride in the Midlands National. But Niven's dog day mocked him again and the much-fancied Mr Boston had to be led away from the starting tapes, pronounced lame.

Amid such emotion, the Dunwoody and Maguire story was understandably shelved. Yet it has not gone away. Dunwoody has managed to ride only one winner this past week and is now surrounded by rumours of an impending rift with his retaining trainer, Martin Pipe. Maguire has been surrounded only by sadness, his career temporarily forgotten in mourning for his mother.

David Nicholson, who retains him, confirmed on Saturday that Relkeel, who also missed Cheltenham, should be fit for Aintree and that Viking Flagship is lined up for a clash there with Martha's Son over 2½ miles.

Now here is a race to extend the fascination of the National Hunt season every bit as much as the Grand National itself, especially as Maguire will be back where he belongs — on Viking Flagship. Today, back at Uttoxeter, he returns from one of the cruellest imposed breaks suffered in even his world of ceaseless contrast.

Results from Saturday's five meetings...... Page 31

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ROSINA MAE
(4.25 Newcastle)
Next best: Abu Simbel
(3.30 Southwell)

Wide-ranging profits manifest from Festival

Nobody likes losing, let alone admitting to it, but this is getting ridiculous. The Cheltenham cheers are still echoing as far away as Moscow and the south of France after a Festival which seems to have been remarkably kind to punters — with one notable and quite horrendous exception.

Starting in Moscow, the action centred on the casino in Novy Arbat, I am reliably informed. A friend whose work recently took him and his family to Russia confided before leaving that he was prepared for the harsher lifestyle and climate his new posting would bring, but the prospect of missing Cheltenham for the first time in about 20 years was weighing heavily on his mind.

As a result, your correspondent was to be found each morning last week cutting up *The Times* racing page and faxing it, section by section, to Moscow. The effort seems to have been worthwhile. "Long live Klairon Davis...bravo Miracle Man," the fax replied on Wednesday morning.

A live SIS feed into the casino was supplemented by a bookmaker offering odds of a sort, while a bar and roulette table provided inter-race entertainment.

Armed with the advice that the Irish hope, Dorans Pride, was a certainty in the Stayers' Hurdle and Master Oats would take the world of beating in the Gold Cup, he has not been heard of since. Either the Mafia has claimed another victim, or he is so rich he can afford to say Dasvidan'ye to Moscow and prepare for an all-out assault on Aintree — in person.

Meanwhile, a sports-mad colleague who whiles away his time reporting on the House of Horrors at Westminster telephoned on the Monday before the Festival began. He has a persuasive manner and I now fully appreciate how he winkles out secrets from the most reluctant Cabinet minister. After being grilled, albeit in the nicest possible fashion, for ten minutes, he summarised our conversation in the style of "Exclusive - Chancellor to slash income tax by 10p" and said: "Putty Road each-way. Dorans Pride and Klairon Davis, both at 5-1 with William Hill this morning. I will put those two in an each-way double."

A telephone call to his office on Thursday afternoon elicited the rather surprising news that he was not in. Probably listening to Prime Minister's Question Time, I mused. "He's gone on holiday to the south of France," came the reply.

It is not clear whether the vacation was prompted by the 35-1 double and the 7-1 winner, or booked in advance. I have left a message on his answerphone stressing the quality of 1990 claret and just hope the hint is taken. In the meantime I would respectfully suggest to my Editor he starts searching for a new political editor to replace the first *Times* journalist to seek tax exile.

Elsewhere, there were cheers as doubles came in, placepots were landed and profits added up. But the bookmakers have to make a living and those backers who show a profit do so only at the expense of others who lose. And how.

By all accounts, the biggest loser was a man who is normally the biggest winner. J. P. McManus, the man known as "The Sundance Kid", is a fearless Irish gambler who bets in huge sums.

After reputedly placing a six-figure bet on Harcon, who finished second in the Sun Alliance Chase, he similarly went to war with Elegant Lord, a horse carrying his colours, who finished third in the Foxhunter Chase. On the Friday he tried a salvage operation with Cab On Target, an odds-on shot in the opener, but left behind another massive wager in the bookmakers' satchels.

Estimates of his losses over the four days range between £500,000 and £770,000. The correct sum will probably never be known, except by J. P. himself, and it will be of little consolation to the likeable Irishman that his miserable time helped fund the success for many others.

RICHARD EVANS

Racing commentary

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.40 Evening Rain
3.10 Memorable
3.40 Dolly Oats
4.15 St Mellion Fairway
4.45 Social Climber
5.15 Cluricari

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 DOLLY OATS.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.40 CAFFREYS IRISH ALE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,420: 2m) (4 runners)

1 P-34550 RAMSTAR 11 (S) (B McCudden) C Mann 7-11-10 R Dunwoody 94
2 22F424 EVENING RAIN 26 (D,F,G,S) (Gardens Entertainments) R Hodges 9-11-1 A Tory 94
3 F-54P20 CIRCULATION 42 (D,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 9-10-8 D McCain [illegible]
4 222-P31 GLADYS EMMANUEL 7 (D,S) (T Pocock) R Pocock 8-10-0 G Hogan (5) 98

Long handicap: Gladys Emmanuel 9-10

BETTING: 5-4 Gladys Emmanuel, 9-4 Evening Rain, 3-1 Ramstar, 4-1 Circulation.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

RAMSTAR best recent effort 16l 5th of 7 to Master Of The Rock in handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, soft). EVENING RAIN 3l 2nd of 6 to Rainbam in handicap chase at Hereford (2m, heavy) penultimate start. CIRCULATION neck 2nd of 4 to Positive Action in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 1f, good to soft). GLADYS EMMANUEL beat Court Rapier distance in 7-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Taunton (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: GLADYS EMMANUEL

3.10 CARLING BLACK LABEL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,400: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 411801 MEMORABLE 10 (CD,G,S) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 4-12-0 D Byrne 94
2 34325F HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 25 (S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-11-0 S Wynne (3) [illegible]
3 34-36U6 LE MEILLE 14 (P Rowbotham) A Jarvis 6-10-11 A Maguire 87
4 0-P51 DERRING BRIDGE 18 (S) (I Johnson) Mrs S Johnson 5-10-8 Mr R Johnson (7) 90
5 352P12 ERLEMO 9 (V,S) (T O'Malley) W Clay 6-10-6 Diane Clay 98
6 61243P NUNS CONE 93 (F) (Mrs A O'Sullivan) R Peacock 7-10-2 N Williamson 95
7 P/404/5 BELMORE ROCK 30 (Mrs A Hartnell) M Pipe 8-10-0 R Dunwoody --
8 0-04062 HOODWINKER 18 (P Howell) W Jenks 6-10-0 T Jenks 86
9 00-04P MACKABEE 61 (Arnie Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-0 W Marston 77
10 04-406U STERLING BUCK 106 (Glyn Harris) G Yardley 8-10-0 D Gallagher 89
11 0P045-B PARISIAN 19 (Miss J Blackwell) J Bennett 10-10-0 NON-RUNNER –
12 0000 ON APPRO 18 (P Johnson) P Johnson 6-10-0 P McLoughlin (3) –

Long handicap: Belmore Rock 9-10, Hoodwinker 9-10, Mackabee 9-10, Sterling Buck 9-6, Parisian 8-6, On Appro 8-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Le Meille, 4-1 Belmore Rock, 5-1 Memorable, 7-1 Derring Bridge, Heathyards Crusade, 8-1 Erlemo, 10-1 Hoodwinker, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MEMORABLE beat Creager head in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). HEATHYARDS CRUSADE best effort 12l 2nd of 7 to Nipper Reed in novices' handicap hurdle here (2m, soft). LE MEILLE 22½l 6th of 15 to Linton Rocks in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). DERRING BRIDGE beat HOODWINKER (8lb better off) 2l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft), with ON APPRO (8lb better off) tailed off 10th. ERLEMO 5l 2nd of 8 to Target Line in novices' handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, soft). BELMORE ROCK 26l 5th of 22 to Kadari in novices' handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft), with MEMORABLE (4lb worse off) about 23l 9th.
Selection: MEMORABLE

3.40 LAMOT PILS NOVICES CHASE (£2,801: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

1 U2441F CHARTERFORHARDWARE 23 (D,S) (Charter Racing Ltd) W Clay 9-11-8 R Farrant 70
2 F-61332 SAILOR JIM 10 (CD,F,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 8-11-8 W Marston 88
3 2FUP-1F DOLLY OATS 20 (S) (R Faers) D Nicholson 9-11-3 A Maguire [illegible]
4 0-143U3 DOCS DILEMMA 19 (F) (Scott Hardy Partners) K Bailey 6-11-2 N Williamson –
5 *00-P0FP MR DRUMMOND 3 (L Fust) A Jarvis 6-11-2 G Crone (7)* –
6 2112/65 RONANS GLEN 39 (F) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 8-11-2 J F Titley 84

BETTING: 7-4 Dolly Oats, 3-1 Sailor Jim, 9-2 Ronans Glen, 5-1 Charterforhardware, 8-1 Docs Dilemma, 10-1 Mr Drummond.

FORM FOCUS

CHARTERFORHARDWARE beat Crew Girl distance in 18-runner maiden chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) penultimate start. SAILOR JIM 11l 2nd of 9 to Oatis Regrets in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to soft), with MR DRUMMOND (1lb worse off) prominent when fell 7th. DOLLY OATS beat Rectory Garden 1¼l in 16-runner novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) penultimate start. DOCS DILEMMA distance 3rd of 13 to Steeple Jack in a novice chase at Taunton (3m, soft). RONANS GLEN 13¼l 5th of 16 to Gilpa Valu in a novices' handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good to soft)
Selection: DOLLY OATS

4.15 TENNENTS EXTRA NOVICES HURDLE (£2,274: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 3P201 GREVILLE AGAIN 7 (S) (Oats in Clarke) D Nicholson 6-11-9 A Maguire 89
2 110-051 ST MELLION FAIRWAY 30 (S) (St Mellion Estates) J Old 6-11-9 T Grantham [illegible]
3 00 FATHER O'BRIEN 15 (Mrs C [illegible]) J Edwards 8-11-3 D Bentley –
4 0P-0FP MR WENDYL 81 [illegible] C [illegible] Richard Guest –
5 50P0 ROGER DE MOWBRAY 19 [illegible] Racing) R Brotherton 5-11-3 L Harvey –
6 63050-P SPECTACULAR STAR 24 [illegible] 6-11-3 N Williamson –
7 604300- CAULIN RUA 441 (D Flynn) M Meagher 7-10-12 – –

BETTING: 5-4 St Mellion Fairway, 6-4 Greville Again, 8-1 Spectacular Star, 10-1 Father O'Brien, 20-1 Roger De Mowbray, Caulin Rua, 50-1 Mr Wendyl

FORM FOCUS

GREVILLE AGAIN beat Bankhead 7l in 4-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, soft). ST MELLION FAIRWAY beat My Rossini head in 6-runner grade II novices' hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). FATHER O'BRIEN tailed off 11th of 15 to Derring Bridge in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f, good to soft). ROGER DE MOWBRAY tailed off 9th of 14 to Certain Angle in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f, soft). SPECTACULAR STAR best effort 20l 6th of 20 to Roubabay in maiden hurdle at Navan (2m 2f, heavy) last season.
Selection: ST MELLION FAIRWAY

4.45 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,788: 2m 7f) (5 runners)

1 *53-1P20 STAUNCH RIVAL 84 (G,S) (C Humphry) G Thorner 8-12-0* D Bridgwater 91
2 65P154 MO ICHI DO 7 (B,C,F,G,S) (Miss S Wilton) Miss S Wilton 9-11-2 T Eley (3) 90
3 332-4P3 WILLOW GALE 24 (G) (J Plackett) P Butler 8-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 94
4 6P5-3PP JOLLY JAUNT 18 (S) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 10-10-12 W Marston 95
5 4U-5342 SOCIAL CLIMBER 18 (G,S) (L Kimber) A Turnell 11-10-9 S McNeill [illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Social Climber, 9-4 Staunch Rival, 3-1 Mo Ichi Do, 6-1 Willow Gale, 25-1 Jolly Jaunt.

FORM FOCUS

STAUNCH RIVAL 3l 2nd of 10 to Roxton Hill in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft) penultimate start. MO ICHI DO best recent effort beat Man Of The Grange 4l in 6-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase here (2m 5f, soft). WILLOW GALE best recent effort 13½l 4th of 8 to Val d'Alene in handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy). SOCIAL CLIMBER 15l 2nd of 4 to Mister Oddy in a handicap chase at Leicester (2m 1f, heavy)
Selection: MO ICHI DO (nap)

5.15 DRAUGHT BASS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,264: 2m) (7 runners)

1 30-0155 DOOLAR 118 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Farmer) P Dalton 8-11-10 A P McCoy 92
2 30/0/26 FUTURE KING 3 (D,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-11-7 W Marston 90
3 004230 CLURICAN 9 (D,S) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 6-11-6 R Dunwoody 94
4 6-00401 KINO'S CROSS 25 (D,S) (N Harvey) A J Wilson 6-11-5 N Williamson 97
5 014-500 SCARBA 19 (D,S) (B Gordon) D Garraton 7-10-8 E Husband (5) [illegible]
6 PP-6F60 BY FAR 40 (D,F) (Mrs M Park) Mrs F Owen 9-10-0 S Wynne (3) 90
7 43P-P0P PRINCETHORPE 35 (D,S) (G Farndon) B Cambidge 8-10-0 D Meredith (3) –

Long handicap: Princethorpe 9-7

BETTING: 7-4 Future King, 9-4 Kino's Cross, 4-1 Cluricari, 9-2 Scarba, 14-1 Doolar, 20-1 By Far, 50-1 Princethorpe.

FORM FOCUS

DOOLAR best recent effort beat Bewin neck in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good). FUTURE KING 1l 2nd of 10 to Frankus in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, heavy). CLURICAN 5¼l 3rd of 14 to Major's Law in an amateurs' handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. KINO'S CROSS beat Lightening Lad 6l in a 14-runner handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, soft). SCARBA 29l 8th of 15 to White Willow in a handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, soft). BY FAR 16l 9th of 20 to Daily Sport Girl in a selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft).
Selection: KINO'S CROSS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	*JOCKEYS*	Winners	Rides	%
C Mann	3	7	42.9	R Dunwoody	38	166	22.9
M Pipe	47	146	32.2	S McNeill	8	41	19.5
J Old	3	13	23.1	M A Fitzgerald	9	50	18.0
K Bailey	16	72	22.2	A Maguire	18	112	16.1
D Nicholson	12	54	22.2	*D Gallagher*	*10*	*65*	*15.4*
P Dalton	7	42	16.7	N Williamson	20	133	15.0

Dare breaks leg after reaching milestone

ALISON DARE became the first woman to ride 200 winners in point-to-points on Saturday, but had the appalling luck to break her leg in her next event (Brian Beel writes).

After the milestone was achieved on Stephens Pet in the ladies' at the Farmers' Draghounds at Heythrop, she had an accident which was reminiscent of Robert Alner's two years ago. Dare was riding the favourite, Danbury Lad, who was hampered when Broad Outlook fell at the ninth. She pulled her mount up before the next fence, the impact of the collision having broken her leg.

Polly Curling passed Jenny Pidgeon's tally of 126 with a double at Larkhill, and now lies fourth in the women's career list. Her winners came on See More Business and Bond Jnr, neither of whom started favourite.

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JUMP LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	96	77	47	2	-52.91
D Nicholson	83	52	30	1	+27.09
Mrs M Reveley	82	53	36	1	-7.31
P Hobbs	64	49	30	1	-18.13

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	123	89	71	6	-90.38
A Maguire	121	94	69	15	-116.78
N Williamson	93	73	70	3	-12.46

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NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Jalcanto. 2.50 Kilfinny Cross. *3.20 High Altitude.* 3.55 Dark Dawn. 4.25 Mr Knitwit. 4.55 Mr Fudge. 5.25 **SANTA CONCERTO** (nap).

Brian Beel: 2.50 Kilfinny Cross. 3.55 Dark Dawn. 4.55 Mr Fudge.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 PERCY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,386: 2m 110yd) (25 runners)

1 1222 JALCANTO 30 (F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-8 P Niven [illegible]
2 0P- BIT OF LIGHT 437 D Lamb 8-11-2 Mr A Manners (7) –
3 0P0 BOETHIUS 37 F Walton 6-11-2 T Reed –
4 *0-0P BUYERS DREAM 51 J Hellens 5-11-2* A Larnach (3) –
5 P CHALKIELAW 58 R McDonald 5-11-2 R Hodge –
6 00 DARK CONE 112 G Richards 6-11-2 M Moloney –
7 0-04 ERMINE STREET 107 O Brennan 7-11-2 M Brennan 89
8 0 FINE TUNE 23 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-2 K Johnson –
9 0F55 *GEMIKOSIX* 21 Mrs A Walton 5-11-2 J Callaghan 76
10 HIGH ROAD J Johnson 5-11-2 F Leahy (5) –
11 -240 MR ROYAL 66 M Hammond 9-11-2 Mr C Bonner (5) 77
12 000 PREMIER FIRST 14 J Hellens 6-11-2 M Hourigan –
13 0-F REEFSIDE 30 G Richards 6-11-2 B Harding (5) –
14 0 *SPANISH LIGHT 14 G Richards 6-11-2* A Dobbin –
15 VISHNU 18F J Eyre 5-11-2 O Pears –
16 2046 WELL APPOINTED 123 B Mactaggart 6-11-2 F Perratt (3) 71
17 P CITY LIGHTER 46 J Gledson 5-10-11 N Bentley –
18 06P POLLY TWO 37 Mrs S Austin 5-10-11 D Wilkinson 74
19 *BLUE DOMAIN 252F R Craggs 4-10-8* S Taylor (7) –
20 P BRITE WIZARD 128 C Parker 4-10-8 Mr D Parker (5) –
21 400 GOLDEN STAR 83 M W Easterby 4-10-8 J Driscoll (7) 71
22 HEATHCOTE PLACE 214F T Etherington 4-10-8 R Garritty –
23 6 IN A MOMENT 14 T Barron 4-10-8 N Doughty 70
24 00 *MINSTER GLORY 28F M W Easterby 4-10-8* L Wyer 60
25 F00 SALLYOREALLY 21 W Storey 4-10-3 J Supple (5) –

7-4 Jalcanto, 5-1 In A Moment, 7-1 Minster Glory, 8-1 Spanish Light, 10-1 Ermine Street, Vishnu, 14-1 Gemikosix, Golden Star, 16-1 others.

2.50 SCOTT-HARDEN SHOOT & MELDON VILLAGE STORAGE AND DRYING INTERMEDIATE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,075: 3m) (10)

1 P2-P KILFINNY CROSS 14 (G,S) Miss C Saunders 7-12-6 J Greenall [illegible]
2 3-66 MOYODE REGENT 144 (F) D Lamb 11-12-3 A Manners (7) 88
3 14- POPESHALL 349 (C,F,G,S) Mrs S Williamson 8-12-3 R H Brown (5) 95
4 F35P UNOR 28 (F,G) F Muirhead 9-12-3 J M Dun (5) 94
5 3F BOGARTS DISCO 8P W McKeown 7-11-7 C Bonner (5) –
6 1-33 DONOVANS REEF 23P (S) Mrs L Marshall 9-11-7 A Robson (7) –
7 4-11 FINAL HOPE 22P (G,S) R Tate 7-11-7 Mrs F Needham (7) –
8 F420 HALLO SENSATION 8P (G) Mrs P Cookson 8-11-7 P Craggs –
9 -FP4 RYMASTER 8P Mrs S Bell 8-11-7 Miss J Percy (7) –
10 4-41 SHARP OPINION 9P (G,S) Miss P Robson 12-11-7 Miss P Robson (7) 93

5-11 Kilfinny Cross, 4-1 Final Hope, 9-2 Popeshall, 6-1 Sharp Opinion, 8-1 Unor, 10-1 Donovans Reef, 14-1 others.

3.20 MORPETH NOVICES CHASE (£2,905: 2m 4f) (12)

1 4F11 HIGH ALLTITUDE 9 (C,G,S) G Moore 7-12-1 N Doughty [illegible]
2 4512 ANOTHER RED 6 (S) W Raw 7-11-9 M Hourigan 90
3 PF21 GOLDEN FIDDLE 84 (D,S) J Oliver 7-11-9 M Moloney 64
4 -FP0 AUBURN BOY 100 (G) M W Easterby 8-11-3 R Garritty –
5 4F52 FORWARD GLEN 14 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-3 A Thornton 85
6 4266 MAN OF MOREEF 30 J Oliver 8-11-3 Mr D Parker (5) 71
7 P522 RHOSSILI BAY 121 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-3 P Niven 83
8 P/4- VICARIDGE 366 R Brewis 8-11-3 G Harker 82
9 FF-P JUST MOLLY 20 W Reed 9-10-12 T Reed –
10 223- LADY'S ISLAND 445 J Charlton 7-10-12 A Dobbin 64
11 00-5 MAGIC BLOOM 14 (F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-12 M Dwyer –
12 0P63 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 37 (S) M W Easterby 5-10-8 J Driscoll (7) 74

5-4 High Alltitude, 3-1 Golden Fiddle, 5-1 Rhossili Bay, 8-1 Forward Glen, 14-1 Auburn Boy, Man Of Moreef, Another Red, 16-1 others.

3.55 ALLENDALE ESTATES NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,220: 3m) (7)

1 4-U2 DARK DAWN 14 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Brown 11-11-12 Mr J Brown (7) [illegible]
2 -310 GREEN TIMES 10 (D,G,S) N Gaselee 10-11-13 W Ramsay (7) 80
3 U-05 ITS A DEAL 8P (G) S Greenough 9-11-10 Chris Wilson (7) 63
4 F5-0 NILLULA KING 8P (G) F Robson 8-11-10 Miss J Thurlow (5) –
5 P2-6 LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 14 (F,G) J Russell 10-11-10 A Robson (7) 90
6 /2F2 POLITICAL ISSUE 8P (D,F,S) T Robson 11-11-10 J Walton –
7 1U11 READY STEADY 8P (CD,F,G,S) S Frank 13-11-10 Miss K Barnett (7) –

4-9 Dark Dawn, 4-1 Green Times, 5-1 Ready Steady, 7-1 Political Issue, 12-1 Loughlinstown Boy, 16-1 Its A Deal, Nillula King.

4.25 TYNEDALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,344: 3m) (8)

1 2444 LOCH SCAVAIG 16 (F,G,S) D Moffatt 6-12-0 D J Moffatt (3) 97
2 P212 YOUNG TY 19 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-11-4 P Niven [illegible]
3 1112 TRUMP 48 (D,G,S) C Parker 6-11-0 Mr D Parker (5) 97
4 35P5 MARCHWOOD 19 (C,G,S) N Chamberlain 8-10-13 R Supple 95
5 1120 MR KNITWIT 30 (G) G Richards 5-10-12 A Dobbin 92
6 -402 COQUI LANE 10 (S) Mr J Dun 8-10-12 B Harding (5) 91
7 3113 ROSINA MAE 48 (D,BF,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-10-6 R Garritty 92
8 FP54 SCARF 4 (S) J J O'Neill 7-10-0 A Roche (3) 90

9-4 Trump, 3-1 Rosina Mae, 5-1 Young Ty, Loch Scavaig, 6-1 Mr Knitwit, 7-1 Coqui Lane, 8-1 others.

4.55 UNIVERSAL FREIGHT FORWARDING NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,285: 2m 4f) (16)

1 P-51 MONAUGHTY MAN 10 (S) E Caine 9-13-0 K Green (7) 78
2 30PU ABITMORFUN 9P (F,S) S Pittendrigh 9-12-7 S Pittendrigh (7) –
3 55,5 BRAZEN GOLD 14 (S) Sir John Barlow 9-12-7 D Barlow (7) –
4 125- DAMNIFICATION 369 (G) J Hope 9-12-7 A Parker (7) 88
5 5P-0 DOXFORD HUT 14 (F) W McKeown 11-12-7 Miss Sue Nichol (7) 78
6 323- FIREHALMS 895P (F) A Pickering 8-12-7 A Pickering (7) –
7 -433 GO SILLY 8P (G) Miss L Pliner 8-12-7 C Bonner (5) –
8 P-P2 GOZONE 9P (G) R Tate 5-12-7 Mrs F Needham (7) –
9 -UP3 GRAND PASHA 9P Mrs A Swinbank 7-12-7 Chris Wilson (7) –
10 1F-3 MR FUDGE 14 (G) M Sowersby 9-12-7 M Sowersby (7) [illegible]
11 12-2 REVILLER'S GLORY 9P (G) Miss S Rodgers 11-12-7 S Whitaker (7) 79
12 3P- STAIGUE FORT 525 Denys Smith 7-12-7 N Wilson (5) –
13 2 STEPHENSTOWN 8P Mrs D Gibson 8-12-7 Miss J Percy (7) –
14 1-3P WHINSTONE MILL 23P (G) R Brewis 7-12-7 A Robson (7) 83
15 P-03 ADVENT LADY 9P M Sams 5-12-2 A Manners (7) –
16 536- HOISTTHESTANDARD 338P Mrs I Hadden 5-12-2 C Mulhall (7) –

6-4 Mr Fudge, 2-1 Damnification, 4-1 Reviller's Glory, 5-1 Monaughty Man, 10-1 Staigue Fort, Whinstone Mill, 14-1 Stephenstown, 16-1 others.

5.25 WESSEX TAVERNS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,385: 2m 110yd) (20)

1 212 SANTA CONCERTO 9 (BF,S) L Lungo 6-11-9 F Perratt (3) –
2 BARNEYS GOLD O Brennan 6-11-2 S O'Donnell (7) –
3 0 CURFEW KING 51 Mrs A Russell 5-11-2 D Webb (7) –
4 4-0 GARBO'S BOY 171 J Turner 5-11-2 W Fry (7) –
5 05 GOOD PROFIT 9 W Young 6-11-2 J Burke –
6 OLIVER'S MATE P Dennis 5-11-2 B Grattan (7) –
7 *00/ PEAT STACK 707 J Brown 6-11-2* Mr T Scott –
8 0 RUSTIC WARRIOR 51 J Hellens 5-11-2 A Larnach (3) –
9 SKIDDAW ROCK Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 G Lee (5) –
10 SUTTON BOY Lady Ann Bowlby 6-11-2 G Cahill (7) –
11 WATERMELON WINE P Calver 5-11-2 Mr C Bonner (5) –
12 *MISS OPTIMIST Mrs M Reveley 5-10-11* M Herrington (7) –
13 RAISE A DOLLAR M Wane 5-10-11 Mr S Swiers –
14 3 ICE COLD IN ALEX 16 C Thornton 4-10-8 Mark Roberts (7) –
15 MAUBEE E Weymes 4-10-8 Mr J Weymes –
16 00 MOMENT OF JUSTICE 14 L Lungo 4-10-8 I Jardine (7) –
17 SHREWD THOUGHT C Parker 4-10-8 Mr D Parker (5) –
18 4 THURSDAY NIGHT 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-8 E Callaghan (7) –
19 COQUET GOLD F Walton 4-10-3 B Harding (5) –
20 MELLOUISE D Eddy 4-10-3 F Leahy (5) –

3-1 Santa Concerto, 4-1 Skiddaw Rock, 5-1 Ice Cold In Alex, 7-1 Mellouise, 8-1 Miss Optimist, 10-1 Thursday Night, 14-1 Raise A Dollar, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Calver, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; M W Easterby, 10 from 34, 29.4%; O Brennan, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 23 from 96, 24.0%; C Parker, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Cheesbrough, 9 from 41, 22.0%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Greenall, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; N Bentley, 8 from 36, 22.2%; P Niven, 28 from 131, 21.4%; M Brennan, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Reed, 19 from 108, 17.6%; N Doughty, 8 from 54, 14.8%.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.00 King Parrot. 2.30 Asmarina. 3.00 Comfortable. Dream Carrier, What A Nightmare. 4.35 Angelic Belle, Nadwaty.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.00 King Parrot. 2.30 Aquado. 3.00 Berge. 3.30 Abu Simbel. 4.05 Panther. 4.35 Russian Heroine. 5.05 Mr Moriarty. 5.35 I'm A Dreamer.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Captain Marmalade. 3.30 **ABU SIMBEL** (nap). *4.05 Aljaz.*

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 TROON APPRENTICES HANDICAP (Div I: £2,550: 1m) (14 runners)

101 -533 MARY'S CASE 18 (B) M Johnston 5-9-10 B Halligan 3
102 -361 GALLERY ARTIST 12 (C,D,G,S) R Guest 7-9-9 D Toole 10
103 -153 KING PARROT 23 (V,CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-6 J Wilkinson 8
104 0620 POP TO STANS 2 (C,D,F,G) J Pearce 6-9-5 Elizabeth Turner 1
105 4324 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 4 (CD,G) D Thom 6-9-4 G Milligan 13
106 556- MURPHY'S GOLD 187 (F) (D) R Fahey 4-9-3 J Gotobed 6
107 00-4 HILL FARM KATIE 12 (G) W Brisbourne 4-8-13 A Eddery 14
108 5030 UCKERBY LAD 17 (B) N Littmoden 4-8-12 S McCarthy 7
109 -300 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 20 (D,F) W Cunningham 6-8-11 A Daly 2
110 0462 GENESIS FOUR 21 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 5-8-10 P Fessey 9
111 050/ SODA POPINSKI 411J J L Harris 7-8-4 R Waterfield 12
112 0/26 COVEN MOON 17 D Morris 5-8-0 G Faulkner 5
113 20-4 INTREPID FORT 24 (V) B Murray 6-7-9 C Scudder 11
114 *000- WHITELOCK QUEST 94J N Berry 7-7-7* Adelle Gibbons 4

4-1 Captain Marmalade, 5-1 Coven Moon, Pop To Stans, 7-1 Genesis Four, 8-1 King Parrot, Mary's Case, 10-1 Gallery Artist, 12-1 others.

2.30 TROON APPRENTICES HANDICAP (Div II: £2,550: 1m) (14)

201 50/ DAYTONA BEACH 553 (C,G) M Ahern 5-9-10 J Dennis 14
202 0-06 DUBAI FALCON 40 R Dickin 4-9-9 Michelle Thomas (5) 6
203 1000 RAD 17 (CD,G) S Woods 5-9-6 C Webb 1
204 2310 AQUADO 17 (C,F,G) A Forbes 6-9-4 D Denby 5
205 4545 DOME PATROL 4 (D,BF,G) W Muir 4-9-3 R Pooles (5) 12
206 -201 GLENVALLY 24 (B,CD,G) B Murray 4-9-3 C Scudder 7
207 0003 BALLYHAYS 12 (D,G) J A Harris 6-9-2 G Milligan 10
208 3020 HI PENNY 12 (B) K Ivory 4-8-13 R Waterfield 4
209 -530 SHARP GAZELLE 30 (D,F) B Smart 5-8-10 A Daly 3
210 00-5 RAINBOWS RHAPSODY 47 M Camacho 4-8-10 A Eddery 8
211 000 ASMARINA 59 (B) S Bowring 5-8-8 P Fessey 11
212 0-00 AMLAK 24 T Kersey 6-8-3 J Gotobed 13
213 -506 ARRASAS LADY 23 J Long 5-8-3 T Field (5) 2
214 00-0 MEXICAN DANCER 32 (D,G,S) P Howling 6-7-7 T Thomas (5) 9

4-1 Aquado, 5-1 Glenvally, 6-1 Dome Patrol, 8-1 Hi Penny, Ballyhays, Rainbows Rhapsody, 10-1 others.

3.00 CARNOUSTIE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,537: 7f) (11)

301 *5610 DESERT INVADER 17 (B,C,G,S) D Chapman 4-9-8* Dean McKeown 9
302 310- BERGE 110 (C,G) W O'Gorman 4-9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
303 0-40 PRIMA SILK 19 (F) M Ryan 4-9-7 D Biggs 2
304 6-31 SECOND COLOURS 2 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7 K Darley 5
305 4548 *DREAM CARRIER 2 (V,CD,F,G) J O'Shea 7-9-6* T Ives 1
306 -033 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 42 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5 A Garth (5) 6
307 400- WATERLORD 278 (D,S) D Nicholls 5-9-5 Alex Greaves 7
308 -060 COMFORTABLE 63 (B) S Gollings 5-9-3 J Stack (5) 11
309 2-06 PRETONIC 56 (C,D,F,G) B Palling 7-8-13 J Weaver 3
310 *1-43 WHAT A NIGHTMARE 16 (V,D,BF,G) J Glover 3-8-4* G Carter 10
311 0- MALSISIO 206 S Norton 3-7-13 F Norton 8

4-1 Desert Invader, 9-2 Second Colours, 5-1 Dream Carrier, 6-1 Berge, 8-1 Prima Silk, What A Nightmare, 10-1 Waterlord, 12-1 others.

3.30 MUIRFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O £3,708: 1m) (12)

401 ABU SIMBEL J Gosden 9-0 J Carroll 8
402 030- DODDINGTON FLYER 139 R Hollinshead 9-0 T Ives 10
403 60 EVER FRIENDS 18 B McMath 9-0 A Mackay 3
404 000- RUBISLAW 140 C Fairhurst 9-0 Dean McKeown 6
405 3- SHEER DANZIG 135 R Armstrong 9-0 R Price 7
406 4 SIMPOSA 18 J Banks 9-0 J Quinn 8
407 02 VASLAV NIJINSKY 27 G Rimmer 9-0 M Rimmer 11
408 623- YOUSH 165 M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson 1
409 50- ALUTE 283 C Brittain 8-9 B Doyle 2
410 0 BELLATEENA 20 H Collingridge 8-9 Dale Gibson 4
411 0 BEYAATEH 21 M Chapman 8-9 C Munday (7) 5
412 00- HUNZA STORY 158 N Littmoden 8-9 D Holland 12

4-5 Abu Simbel, 7-2 Sheer Danzig, 7-1 Simposa, 8-1 Yoush, 10-1 others.

4.05 ST ANDREWS HANDICAP (£2,537: 6f) (16)

501 0383 ALJAZ 31 (CD,G) D Thom 5-9-12 A Mackay 1
502 3315 SHADOW JURY 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-11 Dean McKeown 6
503 5-13 PANTHER 21 (D,BF,G) J Hetherton 5-9-9 N Kennedy 4
504 2415 AT THE SAVOY 21 (C,G) T Barron 4-9-1 Kimberley Hart (7) 16
505 0461 BRISAS 21 (CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 8-9-1 J Fanning 10
506 042- SCENT OF POWER 175 Martyn Wane 5-8-12 B Thomson 15
507 *5010 FARMER JOCK 12 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 13-8-11* A Clark 5
508 3356 MATTHEW DAVID 12 (CD,G) S Bowring 5-8-11 J Quinn 3
509 40-5 SOUPERFICIAL 12 (V,F) J Glover 4-8-11 J Weaver 12
510 500- SHARED RISK 124 (CD,G) S Norton 3-8-11 J Fortune 14
511 585- POLLI PUI 310 P Evans 3-8-11 J Slack (5) 8
512 0024 MONSIEUR PETONG 12 (D,G) J Parkes 4-8-10 P McCabe (5) 13
513 6445 TITANIUM HONDA 17 C Brittain 4-8-8 B Doyle 9
514 004- ROYAL COMEDIAN 165 (F,G) B Murray 6-8-8 C Scudder (7) 7
515 0334 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 21 S Gollings 6-8-7 D Harrison 2
516 -034 RUSTIC LEAGUE 21 T Naughton 4-8-5 D Holland 11

9-2 Aljaz, 6-1 Panther, Shadow Jury, 7-1 Royal Comedian, 8-1 Brisas, Farmer Jock, 10-1 Matthew David, 12-1 others.

4.35 SANDWICH SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,259: 5f) (13)

601 4335 PRINCE RUDOLF 27 (V,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 9-4 M Fenton 10
602 4505 HAVANA MISS 4 (S) B Palling 8-13 T Sprake 2
603 -530 RUSSIAN HEROINE 45 (D,F,S) M Johnston 8-13 D Holland 9
604 -500 DAILY CHALLENGER 24 Ronald Thompson 8-12 C Rutter 8
605 TARSID S Coathup 8-12 S James (7) 13
606 00 ANGELIC BELLE 19 (B) N Littmoden 8-7 R Price 12
607 500- BEBE POMME 124 Mrs N Macauley 8-7 S Sanders (3) 6
608 0654 BENTEN 19 D Nicholls 8-7 G Duffield 5
609 5626 IVY LILIAN 16 W Brisbourne 8-7 A Garth (5) 4
610 5030 LAWNSWOOD LADY 2 R Hollinshead 8-7 T Ives 7
611 60 MADAM SUNPAK 35 Mrs V Aconley 8-7 T Williams 11
612 -330 NADWATY 16 (B) J Bethell 8-7 J Weaver 1
613 300- TISH 161 A Smith 8-7 Dean McKeown 3

3-1 Russian Heroine, 7-2 Benten, Prince Rudolf, 9-2 Lawnswood Lady, 7-1 Nadwaty, 10-1 Ivy Lilian, 12-1 Tarsid, 14-1 others.

5.05 TURNBERRY HANDICAP (Div I: £2,537: 1m 3f) (11)

1 03/ SILVER SAMURAI 464J (C,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-11 Dean McKeown 4
2 -136 TEMPERING 49 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 9-9-11 J Quinn 1
3 10-0 HILL FARM DANCER 16 (F,G) W Brisbourne 4-9-6 A Garth (5) 6
4 *0-02 SWYNFORD FLYER 12 (C,D,F,G) J A Harris 6-9-2* Dale Gibson 2
5 6502 MODEST HOPE 24 (C,D,F,G) B Richmond 8-8-13 J Weaver 10
6 6256 PORT SUNLIGHT 19 (F,G) P Evans 7-8-11 A Clark 9
7 -400 TURFMANS VISION 17 (B) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 T Ives 3
8 000- SALUTATION 10J (V) T Kersey 4-8-7 G Duffield 8
9 5235 MR MORIARTY 24 (B) S Bowring 4-8-5 C Teague (7) 7
10 000- MR ABBOT 137 (C,G) G Oldroyd 5-8-4 D Holland 5
11 40/ DONTBETALKING 518 (V) A Forbes 5-8-1 J Fanning 11

9-4 Mr Moriarty, 11-4 Swynford Flyer, 5-1 Modest Hope, 6-1 Port Sunlight, 7-1 Silver Samurai, 10-1 Tempering, 14-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 16-1 others.

5.35 TURNBERRY HANDICAP (Div II: £2,537: 1m 3f) (11)

1 030- I'M A DREAMER 84J (C,F,G) W Haigh 5-9-13 Dean McKeown 9
2 -120 HATTAAFEH 18 (G) M Jarvis 4-9-13 P Robinson 5
3 -051 CALL ME BLUE 20 (D,F,G) T Naughton 5-9-11 S Whitworth 3
4 4213 MR BEAN 16 (C,G) K Burke 5-9-4 M Fenton 1
5 100- MARBLE 160 (D,G) M Wane 4-9-2 B Thomson 6
6 0-40 RAMBOLLINA 17 M W Easterby 4-8-8 L Charnock 11
7 550- GOLD DESIRE 165 (G,S) M Brittain 5-8-5 J Lowe 2
8 6153 COMTEC'S LEGEND 30 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 5-8-4 G Carter 4
9 00/ BITE THE BULLET 11J D French Davis 4-8-3 N Adams 7
10 05-0 LIAB 28J (B) J Parkes 5-7-9 Darren Moffatt (3) 8
11 0/ ALIZARIN 887 J L Harris 6-7-9 N Varley (5) 10

3-1 Call Me Blue, 7-2 I'm A Dreamer, 9-2 Mr Bean, 6-1 Hattaafeh, 8-1 Rambollina, Comtec's Legend, 10-1 Gold Desire, 12-1 Marble, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 19 winners from 63 runners, 30.2%; M Jarvis, 7 from 25, 28.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 24 from 106, 22.6%; S Norton, 34 from 160, 21.3%; M Ryan, 12 from 60, 20.0%; M Johnston, 29 from 148, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: Kimberley Hart, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; D Holland, 20 from 79, 25.3%; P Robinson, 6 from 24, 25.0%; K Darley, 19 from 98, 19.4%; D Biggs, 33 from 193, 17.1%; J Weaver, 28 from 167, 16.8%.

Oxford school faces demanding summer field trip to South Africa

Dragon enters magnificent sevens event

BY SIMON WILDE

The Dragon squad practises for the international schools sevens tournament under Gill's watchful gaze. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

ENGLAND has not one chance of rugby union glory in South Africa in June, but two. As the Rugby World Cup nears its climax and the England team is — perhaps — preparing for a semi-final showdown, boys of the Dragon School, Oxford, will arrive in the republic to compete in an under-13 sevens tournament which is being billed, somewhat grandiloquently, as a schools world cup.

The Dragon players are small for their sport, but do not assume that they have any less chance than their more lauded countrymen of bringing home the spoils. The school thoroughly deserves its place in a competition that will pit it against teams from France, Italy, Argentina, Canada, Namibia and Zimbabwe, and several school, club and development sides from Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

The 15-a-side team won all 13 matches it played this season, scoring 330 points and conceding 16; the try count is 59 scored and one conceded.

Having not played regularly since the rugby term ended in December, Dragon will be grateful for the Rosslyn Park sevens this week, although not for the determination of every other team to beat them.

When, early in the season, Dragon played host to Merchiston, a South African school that they will encounter again in South Africa, they found themselves at a serious height and weight disadvantage. "When we met them off the coach and saw them for the first time, they looked like men, not boys," Daniel Gill, the Dragon director of sport, said. "Yet we surprised them with our speed and mobility and the strength of our defence. They did not get into the match until the last 20 minutes, and, by then, it was too late." Merchiston were beaten 18-5.

In South Africa, there will be other problems. The matches will be demanding, on ground unforgivingly hard, played under rules interpreted differently from at home, and in weather unfamiliarly hot and humid. Because of this, Gill has requested, and been granted, an increase in his playing squad from ten to 12, plus a travelling reserve. The team, whose trip will be largely funded by Xerox, will be captained by Charles Mezger, the scrum half and second-highest try-scorer.

Not that winning is Dragon's sole concern. It never has been. There is no cult of games at the school. Skipper Lynam, the headmaster from 1886 to 1920, who believed that boys and girls should enjoy school and be positive and independent, asked only that the rugby XV achieved its potential. These principles are still evident. The boys' exuberance and love of running rugby is clear. It looks fun.

The school, which was founded in 1877, boasts as distinguished a collection of old boys as any preparatory school in the country. It has had under its wing L. J. Percival, Ronnie Poulton-Palmer and Bernard Gadney, all England rugby players, and the Clay brothers, international rowers, but the school is better known for high achievers in other fields. Hugh Gaitskell and Baroness Young, John Betjeman and Antonia Fraser, Christopher Cazenove and Hugh Laurie, went there.

Even now, its most celebrated pupil has academic, rather than sporting, tendencies. Last May, James Silk, a keen botanist, helped save an ancient hedgerow near the school which Wolfson College had proposed removing to expand its sports fields. Silk testified before a public inquiry to the variety of plants and animals that existed in the hedgerow. "I love my cricket," he had said, "but I love the hedge more."

Gill hopes that his boys will bring home memories of more than just the rugby they play and the thrill of attending the Rugby World Cup semi-finals in Cape Town and Durban. One of the main aims of the tournament is to foster the game among the black community and Gill is anxious that they should see the townships. "Many of the boys have travelled widely," he said, "but I don't think any of them will have seen life as it is lived there."

Cheltenham's pot of gold beckons anew

A letter from hyphenated-illegible of Virginia Water inquires why *Afterthoughts* is not about more recent events. There is no reason for this column to go back a few decades, other than to show that things do not change much.

People have run faster, jumped higher, fought more valiantly than others since time began. On the sleaze front, the first forbidden substance was the apple. Calling Samson a Cantona before his time is not unreasonable, nor is there anything original about officials accepting gold to stray from the path of righteousness. What is different today is media technology, which has led to inflated rewards for achieving success or fingering villainy.

To make a positive response to our correspondent, the column today will deal with the Cheltenham Gold Cup last week. The Gloucester course is an amphitheatre of stunning beauty which, over the past decade or two, has been improved to provide the ultimate in fair tests of equine skill and courage. The course management has reaped the rewards of its industry and the Cheltenham Festival is now the true centre point of National Hunt racing in the British Isles. It attracts not only the best horses, but also huge crowds, consisting of that rare mix of English county and extrovert Irish drunk — both of which "sets" bring out the best in each other. Then there is the gambling.

If somebody tells you that he has made money backing the winner of the 3.45 at Ludlow, he is considered a *louche* citizen living in the oysterlight of criminality. Yet he who puts £25 on the horse that takes the most prestigious race in the jump calendar is a fine fellow, regarded with respect and admiration. At Cheltenham, there is much striving for these qualities.

Before we come to my involvement, let me mention two factors that should be borne in mind: the weather and the traffic — of both of which there is a lot. Yet no sensible person goes to Prestbury Park if he has an important early evening appointment. You write off the day; there are many who write off the week, and, on Thursday, there was a man leaving the course who was heard to remark "Only another 363 days to go".

The whole season culminates in the Festival. Since last autumn, each time you have congratulated connections of winners at Newbury, Haydock, Wincanton or wherever, they talk about how this performance will help or hinder the horse's chances at Cheltenham.

From the beginning of the year, they talk of "the bet of the meeting", under which heading there are folk holding ante-post vouchers for several dozen horses ... and many more have backed runners who failed to make it to the starting post.

I shall remember the Festival this year for the voucher on Dubacilla that I have held since November, whose bottom line was £6,500.

CLEMENT FREUD

Afterthoughts

I saw Dubacilla beat Docklands Express at Sandown Park and plunged ... but the mare's odds went in the opposite direction to that I had expected. She ran three more times; she was beaten on each occasion and, on the morning of the Gold Cup, she was available at twice the price I had taken — but she did run, unlike Relkeel, whom I backed and who was withdrawn.

Dubacilla came second, but there was quite a long moment as they jumped the penultimate fence when it looked as if she might win. That is what Cheltenham is about; hope. In the bar after the race, the man next to me said that the winner had been the bet of the meeting. I congratulated him. "I wish I had backed it," he said. "See you next year."

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LEGAL NOTICES

A ROBERTS PROPERTIES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 11.15am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debts and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R.L. MOWER.

Deltafilm Associates Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is 12th April 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to K.D.Goodman, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving. DATED THIS 15th day of March 1995. K.D.Goodman Liquidator.

Integrated Engineering Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, on 29th March 1995 at 12.00pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 15TH MARCH 1995. Archibald R Wright Director

MULTI DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debts and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R.L. MOWER.

MULTI CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 12.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debts and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R.L. MOWER.

MULTI PROJECT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 11.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debts and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R.L. MOWER.

MULTI (UK) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 12.15pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R L MOWER

No 001626 OF 1995

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF KENWOOD APPLIANCES PLC

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on 13th March 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the said Company by £15,000,000, from £46,108,730 to £31,108,730.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on 29th March 1995.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A COPY OF THE SAID PETITION WILL BE FURNISHED TO ANY SUCH PERSON REQUIRING THE SAME BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SOLICITORS ON PAYMENT OF THE REGULATED CHARGE FOR THE SAME.

Dated 20th March 1995

TITMUSS SAINER DECHERT

2 Serjeants' Inn

London EC4Y 1LT

0171-583 5353

Ref: C197/K211-019

Solicitors to the above named Company

PEERAGE HOMES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debts and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R.L. MOWER.

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

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Phone 0181 937 3148 and ask Daniel Goodwin for an information package. Or see our advertisement in the Official Journal of the European Community (date of despatch: 14/3/95).

We don't expect you to be like Michaelangelo. But, like him, we do expect you to understand how teamwork can create something extraordinary. After all, he didn't paint that chapel on his own.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMARDALE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA on 31 March 1995 at 11.45am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA between 10.00am and 5.00pm on 29 March and 30 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at the offices of Ernst & Young, One Bridewell Street, Bristol, BS1 2AA no later than 12 noon on 30 March 1995. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

Dated this Sixteenth day of March 1995

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director R L MOWER

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

IN THE HIGH COURT IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION NO 5632 OF 1994. RE: ANAGOLD LIMITED. I, Maurice Charles Whithall of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London NW1 2EP give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as Liquidator of the above-named company. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to me and all debts due to the company must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me. DATED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH 1995. M C Withall Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986

TECHNIPRESS (SERVICES) LIMITED (In Liquidation). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 6th March 1995. M.R.DORRINGTON FIPA. Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986

SCARF WORDS AND PICTURES LIMITED (In Liquidation). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5EA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Members and Creditors on 22nd February 1995. M.R.DORRINGTON, FIPA. Liquidator.

COMPANY NOTICES

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY

Notice to Security Holders

The Annual General Meeting of the Security Holders of Quebec Central Railway Company will be held in The Conference Room, Room 155, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, 1995, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon for presentation of the financial statements; the election of two directors to represent the Security Holders of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company; the appointment of the auditor of the Company; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

D.J. Kezar

Secretary

MONTREAL, QUEBEC. February 23, 1995

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NOTICES

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Love all — Dealer East

North:
♠ 8 6
♥ A Q 6 5 2
♦ K Q 2
♣ A Q 9

West:
♠ 10 2
♥ K J 7 4 3
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ K 10

East:
♠ K Q J 4 3
♥ 10
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ J 6 2

South:
♠ A 9 7 5
♥ 9 8
♦ A 3
♣ 8 7 5 4 3

W	N	E	S
—	—	2♠ (1)	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

(1) A weak two bid in spades, six to ten points and usually a six-card suit.

West led the ten of spades in response to his partner's opening two bid. South ducked the first round and won the spade continuation at trick two. South now took the club finesse and then continued with the ace and nine of clubs in an attempt to establish the suit. South developed two club tricks, but it was at a cost. East gained the lead and cashed three spade tricks to defeat the contract by way of four spade tricks and the jack of clubs.

Where did South go wrong? East was certainly the danger hand and South should have taken every precaution to make sure that any trick which had to be lost was lost to West. So, when South took the club finesse with West playing the ten, South should have realised that this card was likely to be from either the king-ten or king-jack-ten of clubs. If it were the latter, then it did not matter how South played the suit; if the former, then South had to play not the ace, but the nine of clubs. This temporarily blocks the suit. West has to win this trick and play a red suit. South can win in the dummy and come to nine tricks by way of four clubs tricks, three diamonds and a trick in both of the majors.

What if West had played the ten of clubs from king-ten-six? East would be able to win the second round of clubs and cash his spade winners. If you are playing against a West who is a good enough to find this very subtle false-card, then I suggest you look for easier opposition.

Correction

Apologies to readers of my Weekend column last Saturday. South's hearts on the second hand should have been AQ752, not AK752.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Ivanchuk triumph

Vassily Ivanchuk, the Ukranian Grandmaster, has scored one of the greatest successes of his career in the international tournament at Linares, Spain, the world's strongest annual chess competition. Ivanchuk won first prize with 10 points out of 13, ahead of Karpov (Russia) 9, Shirov (Latvia) and Topalov (Bulgaria) 8, Khalifman (Germany/Russia) 7.5, Beliavsky (Ukraine) 7, Illescas (Spain) and Tiviakov (Russia) 6, Dreev (Russia) and I Sokolov (Bosnia) 5.5, Ljubojevic (Serbia) and Short (England) 5, Lautier (France) 4.5 and Akopian (Armenia) 4.

White: Vladimir Akopian

Black: Vassily Ivanchuk

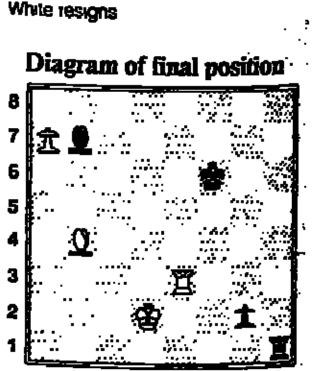
Linares, March 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	g3	c5
5	Bg2	Qa5+
6	Qd2	Qxd2+
7	Nbxd2	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Nc6
9	Nb5	0-0
10	0-0	d6
11	Rb1	Bf5
12	e4	Bg4
13	Nc3	Nd7
14	h3	Bxc3
15	bxc3	Be6
16	Rxb7	Rab8
17	Rb3	Nde5
18	f4	Nxc4
19	Rxb8	Rxb8
20	Nb3	N4a5
21	Nxa5	Nxa5
22	Be3	a6
23	e5	dxe5
24	fxe5	Nc4
25	Bg5	Kf8
26	Re1	h5
27	Bf1	a5
28	a4	Rb3
29	Re4	Rxc3
30	Bh6+	Ke8
31	Bxc4	Bxc4
32	Bd2	Rxg3+
33	Kf2	Rd3
34	Bxa5	Bd5
35	Re3	Rd4
36	Ra3	Kd7
37	Bb6	Rf4+
38	Kg1	Ke6
39	a5	Rb4
40	Bc5	Rb8
41	Bb6	Rc8
42	Bd4	Rc4
43	Ba1	g5
44	a6	g4
45	hxg4	hxg4
46	Bb2	Kf5
47	a7	Ba8
48	Rc3	Ra4
49	Ra3	Rb4
50	Bc3	Re4
51	Ra1	g3
52	Rf1+	Ke6
53	Ra1	Re3
54	Bd4	Rd3
55	Bc5	Rd5
56	Bb4	f5
57	exf6	Rh5
58	Re1+	Kf7
59	Kf1	Bf3
60	Rxe7+	Kxf6
61	Ke1	Rh1+
62	Kd2	g2
63	Re3	Bb7

White resigns

Diagram of final position



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GENUAL
a. Cheerful
b. French Revolutionary month
c. To do with knees

PALINOIA
a. Nostalgia
b. Scented rock creeper
c. Repetition

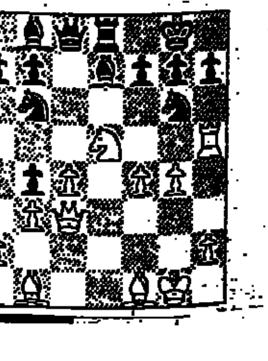
KAMALAYKA
a. Bone-throwing gambling
b. Malaysian v. hot curry
c. Shirt made of entrails

REFOCILLATION
a. Refreshment
b. Second growth of hair
c. Artillery-ranging procedure

Answers on page 22

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Fox - Bauer, Washington 1901. White is a piece down but has a very aggressive posture on the kingside. How did he now break through in brilliant style?

Solution, page 22

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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL: G Britain 22 Ireland 0

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: All England championships: Finals: Men: Singles: P-E Larsen (Den) bt H Arbi (Indo) 17-16 15-6. Doubles: R Mainaky & R Subagya (Indo) bt Antonius and D Kantono (Indo) 15-12 18-15 15-8. Women: Singles: Lim Xiao Qing (Swe) bt C Martin (Den) 11-9 10-12 11-3. Doubles: G Young-Ah and J Hye-Ock (Kor) bt Eliza and R Zelin (Indo) 15-6 15-3.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Seattle 133 Detroit 110; Atlanta 122 Phoenix 117; New York 92 New Jersey 91; San Antonio 116 Dallas 106; Denver 110 Portland 90.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 84 London 92; Leicester C 60 Sheffield 90; Manchester 113 Sunderland 65; Thames Val 100 Leopards 88; Worthing 96 Chester 94.

BIATHLON

LILLEHAMMER: World Cup: Men: 1, Norway 1:30:54.4; 2, France 1:30:58.4; 3, Germany 1:32.02.4. Women: 1, France 1.48.28.4; 2, Germany 1 49.13.9; 3, Norway 1:57.48.0.

BOXING

MILLSTREET, Co Cork: World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship: Steve Collins (Dublin) bt Chris Eubank (Brighton, holder) pts. WBO Continental light-heavyweight championship: Garry Delaney (West Ham) bt Ernest Mateen (US) rtd 7th. Heavyweight: Darren Corbett (Belfast) drew with Gary Williams (Nottingham). Super-middle: Pascal Collins (Dublin) bt Spencer Alton (Alfreton) pts. Light middle: Crisanto Espana (Ven) bt Paul Wesley (Birmingham) pts. Lightwelter: Bernard Paul (Tottenham) bt Jean Chiarelli (Swi) rtd 4th.

PANSACOLA: International Boxing Federation super-middleweight championship: Roy Jones, Jr (US, holder) bt Antoine Byrd (US) ko 1st.

CRICKET

Second Test match
Sri Lanka v New Zealand

DUNEDIN (second day of five): *New Zealand are 138 runs behind Sri Lanka with eight first-innings wickets in hand*

SRI LANKA: First Innings

A P Gurusinha c Patel b Pringle	28
D P Samaraweera b Su'a	33
S Ranatunga c Young b Pringle	22
P A de Silva c Patel b Walmsley	18
*A Ranatunga c Young b Larsen	0
H Tillekeratne c Young b Patel	36
†C I Dunusinghe lbw b Pringle	0
C P Vaas c Fleming b Su'a	51
G P Wickremasinghe c Fleming b Patel	10
M Muralidharan c Larsen b Patel	8
R Pushpakumara not out	17
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-67, 3-94, 4-97, 5-122, 6-122, 7-157, 8-178, 9-194

BOWLING: Su'a 20.5-5-43-2, Walmsley 18-4-41-1, Pringle 15-1-51-3, Patel 21-3-82-3, Larsen 13-2-30-1

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

B A Young not out	44
D J Murray c Dunusinghe b Vaas	0
M J Greatbatch lbw b Vaas	0
S C Fleming not out	39
Extras (1 b, 3 lb, 8 nb)	12
Total (2 wkts)	95

*K R Rutherford, †A C Parore, D Patel, G R Larsen, M Su'a, C Pringle and F G Walmsley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-26.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 15-5-22-0, Vaas 18-7-33-2, Muralidaran 18-6-22-0, *Pushpakumara 5-1-14-0.*

Fifth one-day international
West Indies v Australia

GEORGETOWN (*Australia won toss*): *West Indies beat Australia by five wickets*

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Adams b Hooper	66
M Slater c Holder b Drakes	41
M E Waugh run out	70
S R Waugh c Benjamin b Hooper	11
R T Ponting b Hooper	0
J L Langer run out	6
†I A Healy c Williams b Simmons	36
P R Reiffel c Campbell b Benjamin	22
B P Julian b Walsh	11
T B A May not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 4, nb 3)	20
Total (9 wkts)	286

G D McGrath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-166, 3-203, 4-203, 5-205, 6-229, 7-259, 8-276, 9-286

BOWLING: Simmons 10-0-54-1, Walsh 8-2-38-1; Benjamin 9-0-51-1; Drakes 6-0-46-1; Arthurton 7-0-48-0, Hooper 10-0-36-3.

WEST INDIES

S C Williams c and b M Waugh	45
S L Campbell b P *Reiffel*	8
P V Simmons c Slater b S Waugh	70
C L Hooper c Slater b P Reiffel	50
J C Adams not out	60
K L T Arthurton c Waugh b G McGrath	0
R I C Holder not out	34
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 6)	19
Total (5wkts, 47.2overs)	287

†J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, V C Drakes and †C A Walsh *did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-108, 3-172, 4-192, 5-193

BOWLING: Reiffel 10-1-48-2, Julian 10-1-66-0, May 7-0-42-0, McGrath 8.2-0-51-1; M Waugh 3-0-23-1; S Waugh 9-0-47-1.

West Indies win series 4-1

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four): Sydney: South Australia 301 and 349 for four dec; New South Wales 306 for nine dec and 223. South Australia beat New South Wales by 122 runs. Hobart: Queensland *234 and 397 for four dec; Tasmania 155* and 255 (D Hills 111, A Bichel 6-79). Queensland beat Tasmania by 221 runs. Melbourne: Victoria 280 and 229. Western Australia 221 and 185 (T Dodemaide 5-42). Victoria beat Melbourne by 103 runs. Final *standings: 1, Queensland 38; 2, Sth Aus*tralia 38; 3, Victoria 33.1; 4, Wtn Australia 27.7; 5, N Sth Wales 18; 6, Tasmania 16.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Porthole Grand Prix (Windermere, 25.5 miles): 1, G Butler (Norwood P), 58min 16sec; 2, P Longbottom (North Wirral V), 59:16; 3, S Dangerfield (North Wirral V), 1.00.48. Team: North Wirral V, *3 01 43. Stone Wheelers (hilly, 38 miles): S* Farrell (Tunstall W), 1:29:18. Team: Tunstall W 4:48:21. Bath CC (hilly, 30 miles): N Winter (Somer V CC), 1:14:28. Team: Bath CC, 3.56:26. Buckstones Moss (Halifax, 27 miles): L Holmes (Morley CC), 1:13.58. Team: Morley CC, 3.58.12. Icknield RC (Whipsnade, hilly, 26.5 miles): J Hunt (Hemel H CC), 1.11.29. Team: Icknield RC, 3.30.36. Sussex CA (two-up, 25 miles): S Shand and D Rudd (De Laune CC), 57:43. Preston Wheelers (two-up, 25 *miles*): G Nowland and G Watts (T Rapide), 55:28. Burton and District CA (two-up, 25 miles): P Bennett and G Foskett (Coalville W), 59:00. Sotonia CC (Winchester, 25 miles): G Dighton (Leo RC), 55:47. Team: Antelope RT, 3:01:16. Basildon CC (25 miles): B Taylor (Bournemouth A CC), 55:48. Nun-Brook Wheelers (York, 25 miles): J Wainman (Hull Thurs RC), 55.52. Team: Hull Thurs RC, 3:15:05. Melton Olympic (hilly, 20 miles): G Platts (Coalville W), 48.32. Team: Coalville W, 2:35:59. Rutland CC (hilly, 16 miles): D Cross (Ashfield RC), 44:44. Border CA (Hampshire, two-up 20 miles): R Hammond and D Williams (S Western RC), 42 14.

ROAD RACES: Grand Prix of Essex (88 miles): J Ramsbottom (North Wirral Velo), 3.32.59. *Danum Trophy (Rotherham, 60* miles): F Holmes (Chesterfield Coureurs), 2 33 14. Manchester Velo handicap (Cheshire, 35 miles): J Griffiths (Deeside Olympic), 1:34.37. Calder Clarion (Wakefield, 50km): S Swales (City RC, Hull), 1:12:42. *Ythan CC (Peterhead, 35 miles):* D Whitehead (GS Corsa), 1 40:54.

EQUESTRIANISM

'S-HERTOGENBOSCH: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, F Sloothaak (San Patrignano, Weihaiwej) 33 08; 2, J Whitaker (GB, Everest Grannusch) 33.35; 3, M Whitaker (GB, Everest twostep) 34 01.

FENCING

BATH: Sabre championship: Men: 1, A Zahir (Srohlich). Women: 1, S Benny (Glastonbury).

GOLF

PENHA LONGA: Portugese Open: Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated). 277: A *Hunter 73, 65, 71, 68, D Clarke 72, 69, 66,* 70 (Hunter won at first play-off hole). 278: J Coceres (Arg) 69, 72, 68, 69. 280: A Johnstone (Zim) 71, 68, 71, 70, J Robson 70, 71, 68, 71; P McGinley 74, 65, 68, 73. 281: F Lindgren (Swe) 71, 73, 69, 68, P Curry 68, *70, 73, 70. M A Jimenez (Sp) 68, 66, 75, 72.* 282: C Mason 72, 71, 71, 68, R Claydon 70, 74, 69, 69; R McFarlane 70, 71, 70, 71; M Davis 71, 67, 72, 72, P Lawrie 75, 67, 68, 72; J Spence 74, 67, 69, 72, C Rocca (It) 68, 69, 70, 75. 283: P Broadhurst 69, 71, 71, 72; P Mitchell 75, 69, 67, 72, I Palmer (SA) 77, 66, 66, 74. 284: P Hedblom (Swe) 72, 69, 74, 69; D Ray 72, 68, 74, 70; M Clayton (Aus) 76, 70, 66, 72; J Van de Velde (Fr) 72, 69, 68, 75.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 4 NY Islanders 3, New Jersey 1 Tampa Bay 2, Ottawa 4 Buffalo 3; Florida 3 Philadelphia 4; Montreal 5 Quebec 4, Washington 4 NY Rangers 1, Los Angeles 3 Toronto 5.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 5 Fife 8, Bracknell 6 Whitley Bay 8; Nottingham 4 Cardiff 8; Peterborough 6 Durham 5, Sheffield 13 Edinburgh 5. First division: Medway 11 *Blackburn 5; Paisley 5 Lee Valley 6;* Swindon 10 Slough 11, Telford 13 Dumfries 3; Trafford 13 Solihull 12.

LACROSSE

WOMEN: Reading: International tournament: Wales 10 Scotland 5, England 12 Scotland 6; England 17 Wales 6.

MOTOR SPORTS

SURFERS PARADISE: Australian IndyCar Grand Prix: 1, P Tracy (Can, Lola Ford) 1hr 58min 26.054sec; 2, B Rahal (US, Lola Mercedes) 1:58:33.037; 3, S Pruett (US, *Lola Ford) 1:58.37.760*

WELSH RALLY: *Final positions* (GB unless stated). 1 A McRae (Nissan Sunny GTi) 2hr 43min 35sec; *2 O Harkki* (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 2.44:30; 3 J Kytolehto (Vauxhall *Astra) 2:44:39*

ROWING

KINGSTON: Head of the river: 1, Leander 13min 22sec; 2, London Univ, 13.59; 3, London RCB 14 07. Eights: Senior two: Reading Univ 14:21. Senior three: Imperial Col 14min 35sec. Women: Senior Two: Weybridge 16:30. Senior Three: New College, Oxford, 16:46.

SKIING

BORMIO: Men's World Cup: Slalom: 1, O C Furuseth (Nor) 1:40.99; 2, T Stangassinger (Austria) 1:41.25; 3, Y Dimier (Fr) 1:41.86; 4, T Sykora (Austria) 1:41.92; 5, M Girardelli (Lux) 1.41.96. Final slalom *standings: 1, A Tomba (It) 700pts; 2, M* Trischter (Austria) 477; 3, J Kosir (Sloven) 405. Final overall standings: 1, Tomba 1150; 2, G Mader (Austria) 775; 3, Kosir 760; 4, M Girardelli (Lux) 744; 5, K A Aamodt (Nor) 708. Nations Cup: 1, Austria 5884; 2, Italy 3741; 3, Norway 3137. World Cup winners: Overall: Tomba. Slalom: Tomba. Giant slalom: Tomba. Downhill: L Alphand (Fr). Super-g: P Runggaldier (It).

BORMIO: Women's World Cup: Slalom: 1, V Schneider (Switz) 1:31.69; 2, P Wiberg (Swe) 1:31.94; 3, U Hrovat (Sloven) 1:32 56; 4, S Pretnar (Sloven) 1:32 87; 5, K Koren (Sloven) 1.33 15. Final slalom standings: 1, Schneider 560; 2, Wiberg 355; 3, M Ertl (Ger) 278. Final overall standings: 1, *Schneider 1,248; 2, Seizinger 1,242;* 3, H Zeller-Baehler (Switz) 1,044; 4, Ertl 985; 5, P Street (US) 905. Nations Cup: 1, Switzerland 3858; 2, Germany 3508; 3, Austria 2978. World Cup winners: Overall: Schneider. Slalom: Schneider. Giant slalom: Schneider. Downhill: Street. Super-g: Seizinger.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: Semi-finals: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-0, J Wattana (Thai) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng) 5-1. Final: Wattana bt O'Sullivan 9-6.

TENNIS

ST PETERSBURG: Men's tournament: Final: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-2, 6-2.

KEY BISCANE: Open Tournament: Men: First round: M Tebbutt (Aus) bt J Tarango (US) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6. O Gross (Ger) bt S Casal (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, E Ran (Isr) bt N Godwin (SA) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Second round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt R Furlan (It) 6-3, 6-3, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt T Martin (US) 6-2, 7-6, P McEnroe (US) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-3, 7-6, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt B Shelton (US) 6-2, 7-6.

Women: First round: C Wood (GB) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.
Second round: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt T Jecmenica (Yug) 6-4, 6-0; L Davenport (US) bt S Rottier (Holl) 7-5, 6-3, G Sabatini (Arg) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-0; N Zvereva (Bela) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) 7-5, 7-6. J Wiesner (Austria) bt M McGrath (US) 6-2, 6-4. Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt E Makarova (Russ) 6-2, 6-4, Y Basuki (Indo) bt C Porwik (Ger) 7-6, 6-3; I Spirlea (Rom) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-1, 6-4. I Demongeot (Fr) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 7-5, 6-1, K Boogert (Holl) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 7-5, 6-3, T Whitlinger *Jones (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.* M Drake (Can) bt G Fernandez (US) 7-6, 2-1, ret.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Semi-finals: Citizen Cup (Defenders series): Young America bt Mighty Mary 32sec. Louis Vuitton Cup (Challengers series): oneAustralia bt Nippon 2min 39sec, Team *New Zealand bt NZL-39, 2:15.*

RACING

UTTOXETER

Going: soft (heavy in places)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, **Must Be Magical** (B Harding, 4-1); 2, Brigenser (16-1); 3, Rocky Bay (16-1). Captain Tandy 7-2 fav (ur). 13 ran. 2l, 14l. P Bradley. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £5.80, £5.00. DF: £75.60. Trio: £111.00. CSF: £60.37.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, **Baltic Brown** (Richard Guest, 14-1); 2, Toogood To Be True (15-8 fav); 3, Nickle Joe (7-2). 8 ran. 10l, 10l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £16.20; £2.70, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £22.00. CSF: £37.69. Tricast: £103.45.

3.00 (3m 5f ch) 1, **Ninta** (A Dobbin, 5-1); 2, Grey Power (2-1 fav); 3, Amari Queen (10-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 1½l. G Richards. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £6.70. Trio: £29.90. CSF: £15.10. Tricast: £90.75.

3.35 (4m 2f ch) 1, **Lucky Lane** (N Williamson, 12-1); 2, Arthur's Minstrel (8-1); 3, Scribbler (9-2). Riverside Boy 7-2 fav (pu). 10 ran. NR: Mr Boston, Nevada Gold, Run For Free. 1¾l, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £9.80; £2.00, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £50.90. Trio: £87.20. CSF: £66.03. Tricast: £257.87. Mr Boston (9-2) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

4.10 (3m 2f ch) 1, **Talbot** (J Osborne, 100-30 fav); 2, A N C Express (7-2); 3, Full Of Oats (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Lemthall Princess. Hd, 20l. C Egerton. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £9.10. Trio: £9.70. CSF: £14.68. Tricast: £47.36.

4.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, **Tronchetto** (G Bradley, 10-1); 2, Great Easeby (7-1); 3, Uron V (Evens fav). 10 ran. NR: Mr Knitwit. 2½l, 6l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £10.60; £3.40, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £26.20. Trio: £22.80. CSF: £74.86. Tricast: £120.43.

5.10 (2m hdle) 1, Dino Malta (W Marston, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Seachange (9-2); 3, Sigma Run (7-1). Colossus Of Roads 3-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 6l, 4l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £10.70. Trio: £21.60. CSF: £16.65.

Jackpot: £347,415.50 (0.29 winning tickets; pool of £347,415.55 carried forward to Southwell today).

Placepot: £28.00. Quadpot: £8.90.

NEWCASTLE

2.15 1, **Barney's Gift** (8-1); 2, Doman (14-1); 3, Zajira (10-11 fav). 20 ran. NR: Strolling Minstrel.

2.45 1, **Twin States** (4-1); 2, Carson City (11-1); 3, *Establish (20-1).* Cool Weather 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Rose's Orphan.

3.15 1, **Golden Hello** (15-8 fav); 2, Fair And Fancy (14-1); 3, Pepnist (9-2). 8 ran.

3.45 1, *Strath Royal (10-11 fav);* 2, Cogent (9-4); 3, Monkey Ago (16-1). 5 ran.

4.15 1, **White Willow** (6-1); 2, Dancing Dove (12-1); 3, Weaver George (9-2). Cool Luke 2-1 fav. 12 ran.

4.45 1, **One For The Pot** (11-4 fav); 2, Political Tower (3-1); 3, Wait You There (7-2). *5 ran.*

5.15 1, **Go-Informal** (7-4 fav); 2, Chopwell Curtains (9-2); 3, Purevalue (8-1). 20 ran.

Placepot: £44.70. Quadpot: £27.60.

HEREFORD

2.20 1, **Petitjean** (15-8); 2, An Deco Lady (12-1); 3, *Clubs Are Trumps* (14-1). Lord *Glenvara 7-4 fav. 17 ran.*

2.50 1, **Sailors Luck** (5-2); 2, I Have Him (4-5 fav); 3, Lockwood Prince (40-1). 5 ran.

3.20 1, **Googly** (9-4 fav); 2, Gala's Pride (5-2); 3, Free Dancer (9-1). *7 ran.*

3.50 1, **Charden** (4-1); 2, *Welsh Legion* (2-1 fav); 3, Kerry Hill (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Blue Danube.

4.20 1, **Musical Monarch** (5-4 fav); 2, Kinoko (7-2); 3, Auvillar (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Smuggler's Point.

4.50 1, **Miami Splash** (4-1); 2, Butler's Twitch (6-4 fav); 3, Double The Stakes (5-2). 10 ran.

5.20 1, **Prince Of Salerno** (7-1); 2, Fast Run (10-1); 3, Izacomin (33-1). Master Tuck 9-4 fav. 13 ran.

Placepot: £4.50. Quadpot: £5.70.

LINGFIELD PARK

2.25 1, Angelo's Double (11-2); 2, Sophie May (9-4 fav); 3, Malwood Castle (6-1). 8 ran.

2.55 1, **James The First** (6-5 fav); 2, Handsome Ned (5-1); 3, Rather Sharp (11-2). 5 ran.

3.25 1, **Crabby Bill** (100-30); 2, Namaste (11-4 fav); 3, Isaiah (11-2). 7 ran. NR: First Avenue.

3.55 1, **Holy Sting** (8-11 fav); 2, Celtic Lilley (12-1); 3, Meanus Miller (11-8). 3 ran.

4.25 1, **Rustic Sunset** (5-6 fav); 2, Royal Irish *(4-1). 4 ran.*

4.55 1, **April's Baby** (16-1); 2, Kettord Bridge (7-2); 3, Joker Jack (5-1). Old Road 2-1 fav. 6 ran.

5.25 1, **Perfect Pal** (15-8); 2, Equimnity (11-8 fav); 3, River Castle (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Another Debt, Otter Prince.

Placepot: £90.00. Quadpot: £24.70.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, **Enchanteur** (8-1); 2, Dragonflight (33-1); 3, Sian Wyn (50-1). Howqua River 1-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Yet Again.

7.30 1, **Abbey House** (5-1); 2, Sea Devil (6-4 *fav); 3, Legatee (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Jet Classic* Rossini Blue.

8.00 1, *David James' Girl (10-1);* 2, Chadleigh Lane (12-1); 3, Mazilla (7-1). Three Arch Bridge 2-1 fav. 11 ran.

8.30 1, **Broom Isle** (12-1); 2, Maradonna (16-1); 3, *Sleeptite (11-2). Premier Dance 4-1 jt-fav.* 12 ran.

9.00 1, **Second Colours** (2-1); 2, No Submission (6-4 fav); 3, Eastleigh (10-1). 13 ran.

9.30 1, **Kinnegad Kid** (11-4 fav); 2, Tu Opes (9-2); 3, My Minnie (7-1). 12 ran.

Placepot: £374.10. Quadpot: £16.00.

POINT-TO-POINT

BEAUFORT (Didmarton): Hunt: 1, Forest Stone (S Bush, Evens fav); 2, Lawnswood Sun; 3, Tango Tom. 11 ran. **Confined** 1, Danny Frawley (S Goodings, 12-1); 2, Dashing Brook; 3, Arnold's Choice. 10 ran. **Open** 1, Tricksome (Julian Pritchard, 8-11 fav); 2, *Bronze Effigy;* 3, *Tompet.* 5 ran. **Ladies** 1, Starember Lad (Miss J Cumings, *1-3 fav); 2, River Trout; 3, Corinthian Girl.* 5 ran. **Open Mdn** (Div I) 1, War Flower (G Maundrell, 8-1); 2, Heather Boy; 3, Viking Flame. 6 ran. **Rest** (Div I) 1, What About That (T Lacey, 6-4 fav); 2, Golden Mac; 3, Knightsbridge Bc. 5 ran. **Open Mdn II** 1, Westerlands Queen (A Charles-Jones, 6-4); 2, Hateyouallbone. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. **Rest II** 1, Now We Know (Julian Pritchard, 2-7 fav); 2, Lighten The Load. Only 2 finished. 5 ran. **Open Mdn III** 1, Southern *Flight (Miss J Cumings, 4-1); 2, Fountain Of* Fire; 3, Yorkshire Pop. 9 ran. **Rest III** 1, Lonesome Step (S Blackwell, 6-2 jt-fav); 2, Mr Paddy Bell; 3, Duke Of Plumstead. 5 ran.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Horseheath): Confined 1, Loyal Note (S R Andrews, 100-30); 2, Craftsman; 3, Galloway Raider. 10 ran. **PPOA** 1, Copper Thistle (P Taiano, 8-13 fav); 2, Asphaltino; 3, Way Of Life. 8 ran. **Open** 1, Who's Fooling Who (S R Andrews, 7-4 fav); 2, Glen Oak; 3, Melton Park. 7 ran. **Ladies** 1, Ballyandrew *(Miss S Grimon, 7-4);* 2, Counterbid; 3, Angel Fare. 7 ran. **Rest** 1, Harmony Walk (N Bloom, 4-1); 2, Druid's Lodge; 3, Unique Tribute. 13 ran. **Open Mdn I** 1, Timber's Boy (R Gill, 5-4 fav); 2, *Cool Apollo;* 3, Deep Moss. 12 ran. **Open Mdn II** 1, Carat Of Gold (P Taiano, 12-1); 2, Brock Buster; 3, Mr Branigan. 14 ran. **Hunt** 1, Copper Thistle (P Taiano). Finished alone.

CARMARTHEN (Lydstep): Hunt 1, Busman (D S Jones, 7-4f); 2, *Hunisham Castle;* 3, Stop Other Action. 5 ran. **Confined** 1, Daisy Miller (D S Jones, Evens fav); 2, Chibougama; 3, Snowy Lane. 10 ran. **Ladies** 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P *Jones, 6-4 fav);* 2, News Review; 3, Fast Freeze. 10 ran. **Open**: 1, Jack Sound (E Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Royal Saxon; 3, Kilsheelan Lad. 5 ran. **Rest I** 1, My Pilot (J Price, 6-1); 2, *Wolver's Pet; 3, Proud Drifter.* 8 ran. **Restricted II** 1, Miss Millbrook (V Hughes, 5-2); 2, Corny's Caper; 3, Sun Of Chance. 8 ran. **Mdn I** 1, Conna Moss (J Tudor, 2-1); 2, Pay-U-Cash; 3, Princess Pool. 10 ran. **Mdn II**: 1, Rocket Run (D Duggan, 4-6 fav); 2, Celtic Bizarre. Only 2 finished. 8 ran. **Mdn III**: 1, Phar Too Touchy (Mrs A Meakins, 6-4 fav); 2, Saffron Moss. Only 2 finished. 10 ran. **Mdn (Div IV)** 1, Black Joker (S Shinton, 5-4 fav); 2, Penny *Lark; 3, Lady Forrester. 10 ran.*

FARMERS DRAGHOUNDS (Heythrop) Hunt 1, Sailor's Delight (A Bosley, 3-1); 2, Madam Advocate; 3, Clever Artist. 8 ran. **Confined** 1, Master Dancer (Miss C Dyson, *14-1); 2, Orchestral Suite;* 3, Sevens Out. 22 ran. **Ladies** 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 1-3 fav); 2, Codger; 3, Miss Cresta. 6 ran. **Open** 1, Sirisat *(K Hollowell, 3-1 jt-fav);* 2, Shadow Walker; 3, Sheriniski. 7 ran. **Rest** (Div I) 1, Springfield Lad (Miss S Sadler, 5-2); 2, Rolled Oats; 3, Hook Line'N'sinker. 10 ran. **Restricted II** 1, Sperrin View (A Martin, 33-1); 2, Bakmalad; 3, Music In The Night. 11 ran. **Open Mdn I** 1, Franchlands Way (T Illsley, 20-1); 2, Tea Cee Kay; 3, *Comedimian.* 15 ran. **Open Mdn II** 1, Kettles (C Campbell, 10-1); 2, Canadian Boy; 3, Sidelner. 15 ran. **Open Mdn III** 1, Major Nova (M Rodda, 6-4 fav); 2, Lily The Lark; 3, Apple Anthem. 13 ran. **Open Mdn** (Div IV) 1, Mister Jolly (C Campbell, 16-1); 2, Sulen; 3, *My Little Secret. 13 ran.* **Open Maiden** (Div V) 1, Tenella's Last (K Hollowell, 5-2 fav); 2, Major Ben; 3, Arctic Line. 12 ran.

HOLDERNESS (Dalton Park): Hunt 1, Ubu *Val (W Bethell, 4-9 fav);* 2, Nishkina; 3, Grey Hussar. 5 ran. **Confined** 1, Saxon Fair (M Sowersby, 4-6 fav); 2, Beau Rose; 3, Golden Moss. 7 ran. **Open** 1, Speakers Corner (M Sowersby, 6-4 fav); 2, Red Under The Bed; 3, Park Drift. 9 ran. **Ladies** 1, *Barrgemma (Mrs M Morris, 12-1);* 2, Carole's Delight; 3, Able Player. 11 ran. **BFSS** 1, Syrus P Turntable (D Sherlock, 20-1); 2, Squires Tale; 3, Ocean Rose. 6 ran. **Open Mdn** (Div I) 1, Barry Owen (Miss A Deniel, 5-1); 2, Douce Eclair; 3, Hungry Jack. 16 ran. **Open Mdn II** 1, Somerby (G Sanderson, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Wine Waiter; 3, Sonny-P. 11 ran.

NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Larkhill): Hunt 1, Wrekin Hill (Mrs J Wilkinson, 1-4 fav). *Finished alone. 3 ran.* **Open Mdn I** 1, Apatura Hati (P Henley, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, Sir Tight; 3, Upton Lass. 10 ran. **Open Mdn** (Div II) 1, Banton Loch (J Hankinson, 6-1); 2, Manor's Own; 3, Electric Valley. 10 ran. **Open Mdn III**: 1, Grimley Gale (M Jackson, 5-1); 2, *Holy Mackerel;* 3, *Jumper Lodge.* 10 ran. **Open Mdn** (Div IV) 1, Brendan's Way (E Bailey, 12-1); 2, Keep On Dreaming; 3, Brooklyn Express. 5 ran. **Mixed Open** 1, Cool Dawn (Miss D Harding, 4-6 fav); 2, Clandon Jack; 3, Jimmy Cone. 6 ran. **Intermediate** 1, Young Brave *(M Miller, 7-4* jt-fav); 2, Copper Rose Hill; 3, Becrive Boy. 14 ran. **Rest I** 1, See More Business (Miss P Curling, 5-2); 2, Lets Rumble; 3, Flaked Oats. 11 ran. **Rest II** 1, Hanakham (R Treloggen, 7-2); 2, Harwell Lad; 3, Baroness Spider. 14 ran. **Confined** 1, Bond Jnr *(Miss P Curling* 3-1); 2, Mendip Music; 3, Celtic Spark. 13 ran.

QUANTOCK (Wilton): Hunt 1, Lantern Pike (I Dowrick, 2-1); 2, Jelly Monon; 3, Jalla's Boy. 7 ran. **Ladies** 1, Searcy (Miss L Blackford, 2-5 fav); 2, Just As Hopeful; 3, Great Poker. 9 ran. **Land Rover Open** 1, Ryming Cuple (R White, 4-7 fav); 2, Greenmine; 3, Gatterstown. 7 ran. **Confined** 1, Myllogue (I Dowrick, 2-1); 2, Bridge Express; 3, Ponteus Pilot. 9 ran. **PPOA** 1, Ragume Solo (B Dixon, 16-1); 2, Mister Christian; 3, Centenary Star. 11 ran. **Mdn I**: 1, Pardino (Miss V Nicholas, 6-1); 2, Jolly Flier. Only 2 finished. 10 ran. **Mdn II** 1, Space Cappa (Miss V Stephens, 6-1); 2, Noddy's Express; 3, Horsse. 14 ran.

WHEATLAND (Eaton-On-Severn): Hunt 1, Spring Clune (W Bryan, 7-2); 2, Rivernol. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. **Confined** 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 4-7 fav); 2, Benton's Pride; 3, Fishing Season. 14 ran. **Open** 1, Moss Castle (A Crow, 13-1); 2, Poplars Three; 3, Solar Green. 12 ran. **Ladies** 1, Couture Tights (Miss J Priest, Evens fav); 2, Fell Mist; 3, Yale. 16 ran. **Open Mdn I** 1, Pepperoni (S Prior, 14-1); 2, Arnica Roma; 3, Bombadier Jack. 15 ran. **Open Mdn II** 1, Ollerdale (A Dalton, 25-1); 2, Furry Fox; 3, *Sir George* Chuffy. 14 ran. **Open Mdn III** 1, Strong Trace (M Munrowd, 25-1); 2, Welsh Clover; 3, Sheer Power. 17 ran. **Rest I** 1, Comedie Fleur (A Dalton, 20-1); 2, For Fame. Only 2 finished. 18 ran. **Rest II** 1, *Squirrellsdaughter* (Miss S Beddoes, 6-1); 2, Rememberiom; 3, Allezscally. 16 ran.

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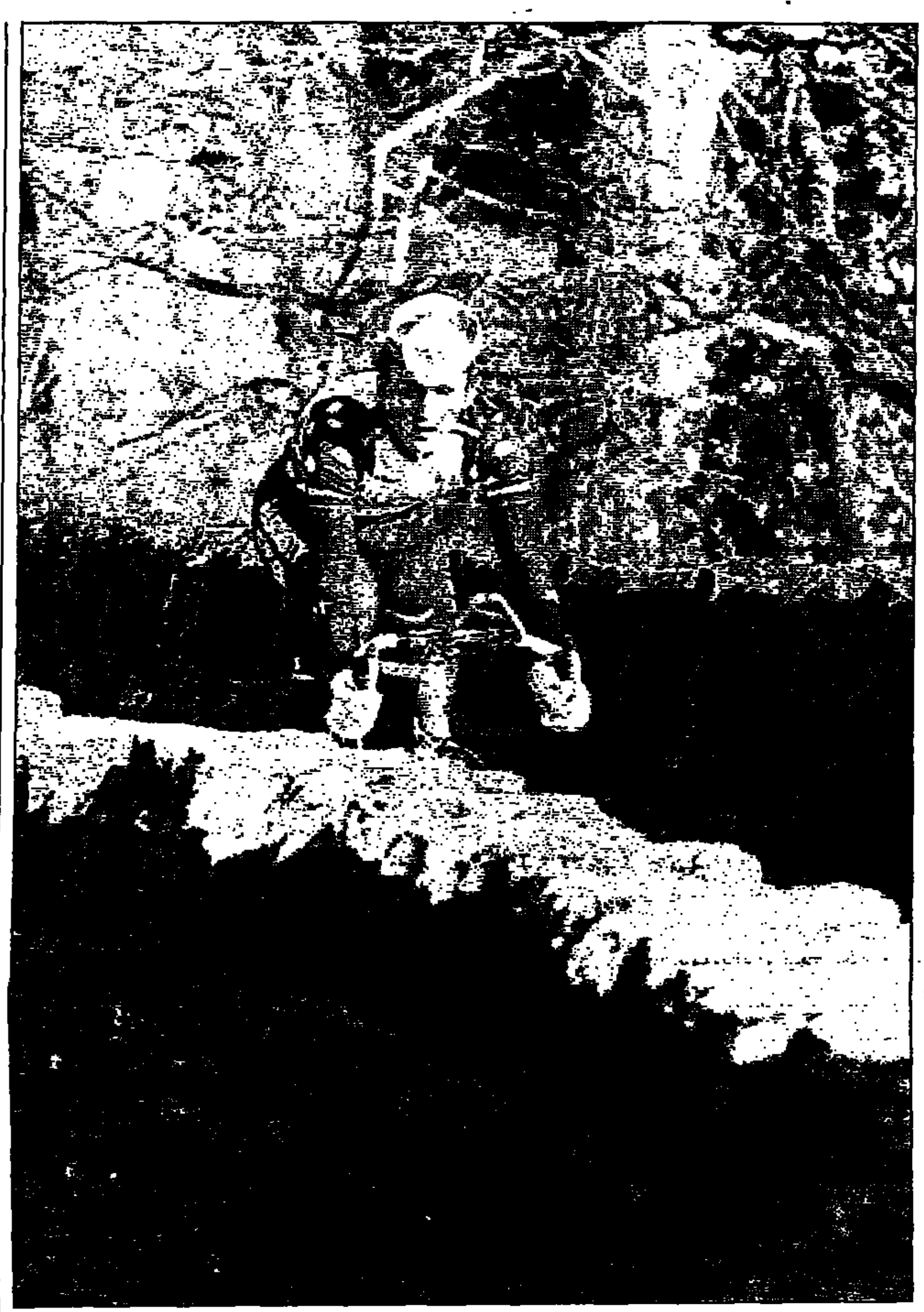

Damien Smith crosses the bridge at Clappersgate during the Porthole Grand Prix Time Trial in Windermere yesterday. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

HOCKEY

HA TROPHY

SEMI-FINALS: *Blossomfield 1 Shrewsbury 2 (aet).* Durham University 1 Bowdon 2.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Saturday: Bournville 3 *Old Loughtonians 2. Hounslow 4 Havant 0.* Slough 0 Southgate 1, Teddington 3 Canterbury 2. Yesterday: Bournville 7 Slough 1, Cannock 4 Old Loughtonians 3. Canterbury 0 East Grinstead 2. Firebrands 1 Reading 3. Havant 8 Hull 0; Hounslow 1 Indian Gymkhana 0. Southgate 3 Trojans 0; Surbiton 4 Stourport 1. Teddington 1 Guildford 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Teddington	14	10	1	3	42	23	31
Reading	14	10	1	3	32	16	31
Hounslow	15	9	4	2	33	16	31
Southgate	15	8	5	2	40	21	29
Cannock	13	8	4	1	35	16	28
Guildford	14	9	1	4	45	25	28
East Grinstead	15	8	2	5	26	18	26
Surbiton	15	7	4	4	29	18	25
Old Loughtons	14	7	2	5	38	28	23
Havant	14	5	4	5	29	27	19
Bournville	14	5	4	5	30	32	19
Indian Gym	15	5	2	8	22	35	17
Canterbury	16	3	6	7	26	32	15
Stourport	15	2	6	7	19	31	12
Trojans	15	3	3	9	22	39	12
Hull	14	3	1	10	15	51	10
Firebrands	15	2	1	12	14	34	7
Slough	16	1	3	12	16	56	6

SECOND DIVISION: Barford Tigers 1 Harleston Magpies 0. Beeston 1 Doncaster 0. Bromley 1 Neston 1. Brooklands 0 Richmond 1; Cambridge City 0 Edgbaston 3. Crostyx 1 Isca 1. Hampstead and Westminster 2 Gloucester City 0; Sheffield 4 Oxford University 2. Whitchurch 1 St Albans 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans	*14*	*10*	*2*	*2*	*37*	*21*	*32*
Barford Tigers	15	9	2	4	31	19	29
Brooklands	16	9	2	5	30	23	29
Edgbaston	16	7	5	4	17	17	26
Doncaster	15	7	4	4	24	15	25
Beeston	16	7	4	5	26	29	25
Harleston	16	7	2	7	24	20	23
Bromley	16	6	5	5	24	21	23
Richmond	15	6	5	4	20	20	23
Isca	15	6	4	5	29	20	22
Oxford Univ	16	6	4	6	27	30	22
Sheffield	*16*	*6*	*3*	*7*	*34*	*32*	*21*
Hampstead	14	5	5	4	19	18	20
Gloucester C	16	6	2	8	33	34	20
Whitchurch	16	5	4	7	22	26	19
Crostyx	16	4	4	8	20	30	16
Neston	14	1	3	10	10	28	6
Cambridge C	16	1	2	13	16	42	5

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Ashford 5 Chichester 2. Regionals: Kent/Sussex: Blackheath 7 Bognor 1, Herne Bay 1 Sevenoaks 0. Hampshire/Surrey: Epsom 2 Camberley 0. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Eastcote 3 Bracknell 0; Headington 1 Wokingham 4; Marlow 1 Amersham 2.

SUN LIFE LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton Vale 2 Bath Buccaneers 1, Exeter University 1 Swansea 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Chelmsford 2 Cambridge University 1; Dereham 1 Blueharts 2. Premier division B: Norwich City 1 Ipswich and East Suffolk 0, Pelicans 0 Westcliff 3. Stevenage 1 Bury St Edmunds 0.

AEWHA CUP

Fifth round: Aldridge 0 Winchester 1; Bradford Swithenbank 2 Balsam 3; Exmouth 1 Canterbury 1 (Exmouth won 3-0 on pens), Hightown 1 Ipswich 0; Pickwick 1 Ealing 2. Sherwood 1 Chelmsford 1 (Chelmsford won 4-2 on pens), Trojans 1 Slough 0, Wigan 0 Harleston Magpies 0 (Harleston Magpies won 8-7 on pens). Plate: Fourth round: Barnes 0 Kettering 3, Bexleyheath 0 Crimson Ramblers 0 (Bexleyheath won 3-1 on pens), Cheam 0 Pressed Steel Fisher 2, Chester 2 Havant 0. *Liverpool 4 West Witney 2, West Bromwich* 3 Wimborne Wayfarers 2; Yate 2 Crosby 3, York 0 Camberley 0 (Camberley won 4-3 on pens).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Bracknell 2 Clifton 0; Chelmsford 1 Hightown 3; First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 0 Slough 2; Ipswich 2 Balsam Leicester 1. First division: Canterbury 2 Bradford Swithenbank 1; Doncaster 1 Wimbledon 0. Ealing 2 Exmouth 0. Trojans 1 Bluebarts 0. Second division: Great Harwood 2 Pickwick 2; Clifton 1 Loughborough 0. St Albans 1 Sunderland Bedans 3; Sherwood 1 Woking 1.

SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth 1 *Guildford 0, Ealing B 0 Dulwich 2; Hendon 1* Reading 4; West Witney 4 Havant 0. Winchmore Hill 0 Southampton 0; Worthing 0 Winchester 0.

WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth 4 Plymouth 0, Clifton II 3; Weston 2, Colwall 0 Redland 3; East Glos 1 St Austell 1. Glocester 0 Lansdown 0. Leominster 3 Cheltenham 0; Yate 1 Exeter 1.

EAST LEAGUE: Bexleyheath 1 Redbridge 0, Cambridge City 1 Old Loughtonians 2. *Harleston M 3 Sevenoaks 0, Welwyn GC 1* Saracens 2.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 0 Hampton 2, Kettering 0 Aldridge 0; Peveril 0 Crimson R 2; Tamworth 1 Wolverhampton 0.

NORTH LEAGUE: *Crosby 5 Newcastle 2,* Don Valley 2 Chester 1, Ormskirk Ford 1 Poynton 2. Postponed: York v Liverpool.

WELSH LEAGUE: Newport 2 Llanfair 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Castleford 16 Halifax 13

Castleford: Tries: Kemp, Morrison, Sampson. Goals: Crooks 2. Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Jackson. Goals: Schuster 2. Dropped goal: Schuster. Att: 5,715.

Doncaster 19 Featherstone 22

Doncaster: Tries: Carlyle, Eaton, Pennant. Goals: Green 3. Dropped goal: Green. Featherstone: Tries: Aston 2, Rodger. Goals: Aston 5. Att: 2,854.

Hull 11 Wakefield 10

Hull: Try: G Nolan. Goals: McNamara 3. Dropped goal: Windley. Wakefield: Try: Child. Goals: Wright 3. Att: 3,480.

Salford 8 Wigan 42

Salford: Try: Lee. Goals: Tyrer 2. Wigan: Tries: Connolly 2, Aicheson, Cassidy, Murdock, Radlinski, Tuigamala. Goals: Paul 5, Long 2. Att: 7,091.

Sheffield 31 Leeds 22

Sheffield: Tries: Hughes, Price, Sheridan, Sodje. Goals: Mycoe 6. Dropped goals: Briggs 2, Price. Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Lowes, Mann, Mercer. Goals: Holroyd 3. Att: 6,000.

Widnes 40 Oldham 4

Widnes: Tries: Devereux 2, Hammond 2, Ireland, McCurrie. Goals: Hadley 6. Oldham: Goals: Marsh 2. Att: 3,278.

Workington 18 Warrington 30

Workington: Tries: Armstrong, P McKenzie, Pape. Goals: Marwood 3. Warrington: Tries: Roper 2, Bateman, Elliott, Shelford. Goals: Harris 5. Att: 3,807.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	23	22	0	1	832	290	44
Leeds	23	19	1	3	666	398	39
St Helens	24	16	1	7	676	504	33
Castleford	24	15	2	7	652	467	32
Warrington	24	15	2	7	598	426	32
Halifax	23	14	2	7	616	382	30
Bradford	24	14	1	9	621	466	29
Sheffield	24	10	0	14	477	600	20
Oldham	24	9	1	14	433	590	19
Salford	24	8	1	15	464	610	17
Workington	24	8	1	15	374	602	17
Wakefield	24	8	0	16	355	579	16
Featherstone	23	7	1	15	442	511	15
Widnes	22	7	1	14	313	520	15
Doncaster	24	5	1	18	385	716	11
Hull	24	4	1	19	447	690	9

Second division

Barrow 18 Hull KR 50

Barrow: Tries: Everett, Robinson, Trainor. Goals: Phil Atkinson 3. Hull K R: Tries: Atkins 3, Bibby 2, Lumb, Plange, Thompson. Goals: M Fletcher 9. Att: 916.

Bramley 6 London Broncos 38

Bramley: Try: Fisher. Goal: Creasser. London Broncos: Tries: Roskell 4, Johnson, Langer, Roach. Goals: Gallagher 5. Att: 550.

Highfield 14 Carlisle 56

Highfield: Tries: Drinkwater, Hudson, Rippon. Goal: Owen. Carlisle: Tries: Knubley 2, Thurlow 2, Day, Graham, Haile, Knox, Paxton, Russell. Goals: Richardson 6, Kavanagh 2. Att: 196.

Huddersfield 42 Whitehaven 4

Huddersfield: Tries: Austin 2, *Reynolds 2,* Kerry, St Hilaire, Thomas. Goals: Pearce 7. Whitehaven: Try: Atherton. Att: 2,560.

Hunslet 18 Keighley 33

Hunslet: Tries: Close, Lambert, Watson. Goals: Close 2, Pell. Keighley: Tries: Gately 2, Appleby, Fleary, Wood. Goals: Irving 6. Dropped goal: Ramshaw. Att: 2,823.

(at Elland Road)

Leigh 20 Rochdale 36

Leigh: Tries: McLoughlin 2, Maloney, Reeves. Goals: Fanning 2. Rochdale: Tries: Ratu 2, Chum, Grayshon, Pachniuk, Stewart. Goals: Streit 6. Att: 1,052.

Swinton 16 Batley 24

Swinton: Tries: Ashcroft, Chrimes, Gartland. Goals: Gartland, Hudspith. Batley: Tries: Walker 2, Cocker, Tomlinson. Goals: Wilson 4. Att: 812.

Postponed: Dewsbury v Ryedale York.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	23	19	1	3	754	254	39
Batley	24	18	0	6	521	322	36
London Broncos	24	17	0	7	568	369	34
Whitehaven	23	16	0	7	568	411	32
Hull K R	24	15	1	8	720	360	31
Huddersfield	22	14	1	7	620	352	29
Dewsbury	21	14	0	7	573	312	28
Rochdale	23	13	0	10	571	446	26
Ryedale York	23	11	1	11	570	460	23
Hunslet	24	11	0	13	453	633	22
Leigh	23	10	0	13	479	531	20
Bramley	22	8	0	14	414	423	16
Swinton	24	8	0	16	462	655	16
Carlisle	24	5	0	19	443	764	10
Barrow	24	4	0	20	331	693	8
Highfield	24	1	0	23	178	1240	2

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Egremont 20 Heworth 24, Chorley 29 Leigh M W 14.

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fourth round: Oldham St Annes 14 Walney Central 12, Woolston 50 Queens 6, Wigan St Pats 18 Crosfields 20.

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Five nations' championship

England 24 Scotland 12

England: Pens: Andrew 7. Dropped goal: Andrew. Scotland: Pens: G Hastings 2. Dropped goals: Chalmers 2.

(at Twickenham)

Wales 12 Ireland 16

Wales: Pens: N Jenkins 4. Ireland: Try: *Mullin. Con: Burke. Pens: Burke 2.* Dropped goals: Burke.

(at Cardiff Arms Park)

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	4	0	0	98	39	8
Scotland	4	3	0	1	87	71	6
France	*4*	*2*	*0*	*2*	*77*	*70*	*4*
Ireland	4	1	0	3	44	83	2
Wales	4	0	0	4	43	86	0

RESULTS: Ireland 8 England 20, France 21 Wales 9; England 31 France 10, Scotland 26 Ireland 13; Wales 9 England 23, France 21 Scotland 23; Scotland 26 Wales 13, Ireland 7 France 25.

Tour match

Natal 33 England A 25

Natal: Tries: Allan, J Small. Con: H Honiball. Pens: H Honiball 6. Dropped goal: H Honiball. England A: Tries: Hunter, Potter. Pens: Grayson 4. Dropped goal: Grayson.

(in Durban)

Courage clubs championship

Second division

Moseley 6 Newcastle 3

Moseley: Pens: Kerr 2. Newcastle Gosforth: Pen: S Mason.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	13	12	0	1	259	153	24
Wakefield	13	8	0	5	232	204	16
Newcastle Gos	13	7	0	6	277	182	14
London Irish	13	7	0	6	276	254	14
Waterloo	13	7	0	6	219	232	14
London Scottish	13	6	0	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nottingham	13	5	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moseley	13	5	1	7	175	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fylde	13	5	0	8	179	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coventry	13	[illegible]	0	11	169	207	4

Third division

Rugby 17 Exeter 11

Rugby: Try: Quantrill. Pens: Quantrill 4. Exeter: Try: Chatterton. Pens: Andy Green 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	13	10	0	3	196	92	20
Bedford	12	9	0	3	257	147	18
Otley	13	8	0	5	214	147	16
Harrogate	13	7	1	5	186	218	15
Morley	13	6	1	6	185	227	13
Rugby	12	6	0	6	183	184	12
Rosslyn Park	13	6	0	7	176	200	12
Richmond	13	4	1	8	178	210	9
Clifton	13	4	0	9	171	234	8
Exeter	13	2	1	10	114	201	5

Club matches

Blackheath	37	*Havant*	10
Broughton Park	12	Huddersfield	18
Harlequins	29	Coventry	15
Lichfield	53	Banbury	15
London Irish	48	Richmond	18
London Welsh	44	Hawick	15
Met Police	12	Ealing	24
Nuneaton	25	Stroud	18
Otley	3	Bradford/Bingley	18
Preston G	23	Hull Ionians	11
West Hartlepool	56	Morley	3
Waterloo	25	Orrell	48

Cancelled: Aspatria v Vale of Lune, Glasgow Acads v Greenock Wanderers, Haddington v Royal High, Henley v Esher, Tabard v Welwyn, Wakefield v Sheffield.

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Representative match

Wales Under-18 17 Japan Schools 11

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Women's international

Wales 25 Ireland 0

Vladivar Cup
Semi-finals

Blackheath	7	Wasps	20
Northampton	0	Richmond	59

Yorkshire Cup: Semi-final: Otley 13 Rotherham 23. Surrey Cup: Semi-final: Wimbledon 19 Camberley 27. Oxfordshire County Cup: Final: Henley 28 Oxford 0. Buckinghamshire County Cup: Final: High Wycombe 22 Olney 10. Middlesex Cup: Semi-finals: Haringey 9 Grasshoppers 10, Old Hamptonians 12 Ruislip 16. Devon Cup: Semi-final: Brixham 36 Plymouth Albion 10.

SCHOOLS SPORT

Football

Under-18 International: Northern Ireland 2 Switzerland 0.

English Croydon Cup: Semi-final: Bromley 3 West Sussex 1.

London Corinthian Shield: Redbridge 2 Hackney 1, South London 1 Islington 2.

Thornton Trophy: Under-13: Islington 9 Hackney 2.

Middlesex Compton Cup: Brent 6 Barnet 0, Harrow 1 Hillingdon 1.

Middlesex Batchelor Cup: Under-11: Brent 3 Ealing 6.

Essex Johnson Cup: Under-15: Havering 4 Barking 0.

Essex Welsh Shield: Under-13: Havering 2 Barking 3.

Essex Birmingham Trophy: Under-12: Havering 1 Barking 2.

Essex Finch Shield: Newham 2 Thurrock 1.

Lester Finch Trophy: Bexley 0 Croydon 0.

Val Cup: Vale of White Horse 4 South West Avon 1.

Brighton Clifford Shield: Final, first leg: Solihull 2 Wolverhampton 0.

Cheshire Shield: Under-15: Quarter-final: *Macklesfield 1 Kirkby Knowsley 2.* Semi-final: Chester 4 Mid Cheshire 0.

Alder Cup: Wirral 2 Halton 1.

Alcock Cup: Under-14: Kirkby Knowsley 3 Chester 0.

Woodward Cup: St Helens 1 Bury 5

Inter-Association: Under-16: Brent 1 Guernsey 2. Under-14: Leeds 1 Salford 1. Bexley 2 Dartford 0.

English School Reed Trophy: Berkshire 5 Dorset 0

Hockey

Cranbrook 2 Duke of York's 0
Kingston GS 0 St George's, Weybridge (1) 3
St George's, Weybridge 4 King Edward's Southampton 0

Lacrosse

MILTON KEYNES: National schools championships: Semi-finals: Haberdashers' Aske's 4 St Helen and St Katharine 1; Benenden 3 Walthamstow Hall 1. Final: Haberdashers' 1 Benenden 1.

Golf

Wharton Park, Herefordshire: [illegible] Worcestershire Schools championships: Individual: 87: A B[illegible] 89: [illegible] 90: [illegible] School: Schools 292: [illegible] 303: Worcester Royal GS 310: [illegible] Hagley.

Chess

THE TIMES BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second-round draw: Bar[illegible] Grammar School v Manchester Grammar School; Hampton School v Haberdashers' Aske's School; King's School, Peterborough v Arden School Solihull; Maidstone Grammar School v St Paul's School; Methodist College, Belfast v Bluecoat School Liverpool; Monmouth School v Truro School; Perth High School v Royal Grammar School, Newcastle; Southend High School v Ipswich School.

FIXTURES

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OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v Korea (Salisbury).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser All-Star Game: North v South (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 8.0)

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RACING: Newcastle (2.15); Uttoxeter (2.40), Southwell (AW, 2.30)

SQUASH: British Open (Cardiff).

Imperfect setting for one of football's brief encounters

By Simon Wilde

THERE were, it has to be said, attractive alternatives to watching Wimbledon play Crystal Palace at football on Saturday afternoon. One was the climax to the five nations' championship on BBC1. Another was a re-run of *Brief Encounter* on BBC2. Inside, it was warm; outside, it was chilly, the weather unsettled. I went to watch the football.

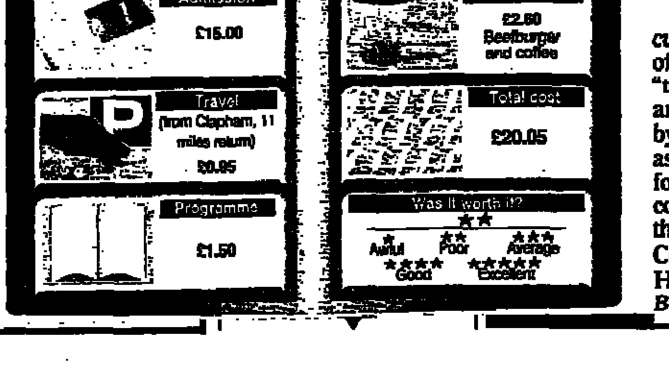
Wimbledon and Palace are not the prettiest of teams, Selhurst Park not the prettiest of grounds. One end of the stadium — if that is not too grand a phrase — is being redeveloped and is a honeycomb of steel and concrete. The other is the home supporters' end, which is where the Palace supporters sit, except when — as now — their team is away to Wimbledon. Then, they are made to sit elsewhere.

Having parted with £15 for the privilege of squeezing through a turnstile designed for the nineteenth century, I took my seat among the disenfranchised. The seat, too, was better suited for an earlier age. It was wooden, hard and took no account of the fact that, at the sides of the human frame, are two limbs capable of movement. If Lord Justice Taylor had sat in such a seat while he compiled his report, he would have never made the decisions he did.

On the left was a father and his early-teens daughter; behind, Mac the Mouth. Both men had verbal incontinence. The daughter said little but occasionally checked the time, as though calculating when she would be old enough to break with this Saturday afternoon ritual.

"C'mon Palace! Kill him. Ricky! Are you blind, ref?! Ooof!" Most of the abuse was directed at Vinny Jones, the Wimbledon captain. "Donkey, Jones! ... Carthorse!" Jones was actually playing rather well.

Before the match began, a visit to the betting "tent" (a cubby hole at the foot of a concrete stand) was employed to add spice to the occasion and catch, on the television in the corner, the first four minutes of events at Twickenham. Betting on sport is all the rage at the moment. What was the likeliest thing to happen? Nothing. A goalless draw, then. Decent odds. Least likely to happen? Jones to open the scoring. Again decent odds. I went for the goalless draw.



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★★★★★ Excellent

After 36 minutes, Wimbledon won a corner. The cross came in, a Wimbledon man rose high above a leaden defence to nod the ball into the net and ran off to waltz along the far touchline in delight. It was Jones. I watched the scene in stunned silence, as did the Palace supporters, though for different reasons. They found their voice first. Jones had the ball on the near touchline. "I suppose you think you're funny, Jones!" the Mouth screamed. "Carthorse!"

At half-time, I toured the customer services at the foot of our stand. The betting "tent" had closed. Beefburger and coffee from another cubby hole, the burger tasting of as little beef as any other football burger. Round the corner, a couple had put down their max-paxs to do what Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard would have done on BBC2, although, frankly, after drinking that coffee, I do not know how they could.

In the second half, Wimbledon took control of the match. On the hour, Palace built an attack down the left and became so concerned about how to get a decent cross in that Barton was able to dart in and take the ball. He screamed downfield and easily set up a goal for Gayle.

With the match as good as lost, the Palace supporters turned their wrath from the opposition to their own side. Mac the Mouth's observations were unprintable, unrepeatable, unspeakable. The father on the left dismissed in turn the skills of Alan Smith, the manager, Ron Noades, the chairman, and all the back-room staff. "At least, if we go down, we might see some changes for the better," he said. "It was hard to catch the daughter's eyes, but they must have been glazing over.

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The great sixth-form battle

Teenagers are being lobbied as they seek further education, says

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Students at Tower Hamlets College, where "results are at least as good as those of schools"

The advertising campaign is slick and aggressive: radio advertising by Alexei Sayle, posters with a snappy slogan appealing to teenagers. But the product is not jeans or a new soft drink; the aim is to lure students into further education colleges. In one scene, a horde of lemmings heads for a cliff. Only one turns back to "go your own way". Cue Fleetwood Mac. The message is that lemmings stay on at school, when the cool option is to go to college.

For many parents, the safe option is to stick with the school. But the greater variety of courses at college and their children's desire for a more adult environment is frequently winning the day.

Tens of thousands of families are still agonising over the dilemma, as places are allocated for the autumn. The statistics show that results are better in school sixth forms, but the colleges say their all-ability intakes make such comparisons meaningless.

The growing popularity of further education and sixth-form colleges, aided by local-authority reorganisations that concentrated post-16 education in tertiary colleges, has resulted in most A levels being taken outside schools. As more students choose to mix academic and vocational courses, the college proportion can be expected to rise.

However, opting-out has triggered a comeback by the schools. A steady flow of applications to reopen sixth forms — usually in the teeth of opposition from local colleges — has reached ministers. The trend was encouraged by John Patten, as Education Secretary, who disliked the monopoly created by tertiary systems.

In the past year, 28 of the 46 applications for new sixth forms have been approved, and 37 more are under consideration. The result has been that in many parts of England the A-level market is the area of education where the Government's desire for choice and diversity is most obviously bearing fruit.

But with competition has come a breakdown in relations between secondary schools and colleges in some areas. Alexei Sayle's advertisements for North Tyneside and Tynemouth colleges are one response. The campaign is already having an effect. At North Tyneside, which also sponsors a nightly commercial radio show, the number of students has shot up from 8,000 to 11,000 in little more than a year.

Most are adults on part-time courses, but the competition for teenagers taking A levels or vocational programmes is increasingly intense. The colleges insist they are not running down schools. Advertising was the only sure way of reaching their target audience because a number of head teachers refused even to circulate leaflets giving statutory information on results.

Paul Harvey, North Tyneside's vice-principal, says: "I recognise the financial pressures on schools to build up their sixth forms, and for many pupils, school is the right choice. But others thrive in a different type of atmosphere, and they must be able to make an informed choice."

Other colleges claim that a proliferation of small sixth forms can diminish choice, rather than increasing it, because only a large pool of students can make fringe subjects viable. The Further Education Funding Council has objected on these grounds to all but eight of the proposals for new sixth forms.

Annette Zera, the principal of Tower Hamlets College, in east London, cites examples of students recruited to unsuitable courses to boost school sixth-form numbers. "It cannot be in the national or local interest for there to be lots of small groups with limited options and uncertain standards. Our results are at least as good as the schools' . . . we are by no means the easy option."

Nationally, however, colleges' A-level results do not compare with schools'. Last year, the average points score in sixth forms was twice as high as in colleges, and Terry Melia, the FEFC's chief inspector, drew attention in his annual report to poor college A-level provision.

Peter Downes, the Secondary Heads' Association's president, does not defend schools that deny colleges access to pupils, but claims that some colleges use questionable methods to attract students. "They have been known to offer packages of the sort that banks give students, which we would not approve of."

Tyneside: luring students

For parents, however, the dilemma of school or college remains. Both sides agree that individual circumstances must determine the right choice. The character and quality of colleges, like schools, vary widely. The sixth-form college, for example, is likely to offer an environment much more like that of a school than a further education college.

The familiarity of school will be an advantage to many teenagers, and teaching staff already know the strengths and weaknesses of their sixth-formers. A more structured and often more disciplined academic environment should aid concentration, with fewer distractions.

By contrast, the larger colleges offer a wider range of courses than most schools, and often more extracurricular activities. Some teenagers respond well to the stimulus of new surroundings and a more relaxed atmosphere.

Examination records and the range of subjects are easily checked. Mr Downes, whose own sixth form at Hinchingbooke School, in Huntingdon, has almost 400 pupils, says: "I have reservations about small sixth forms. But students need strong advice, and that is where the careers service must have a strong input."

An audience with the prince of nihilism

Sheila Lawlor questions the wisdom of an education philosophy that substitutes doing for learning

VIEWPOINT

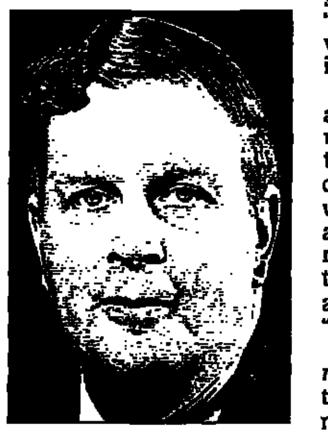
Whitehall's palaces are the outward sign of official power. Today they come in all shapes and sizes: white and iced as the street itself; glass and concrete, the towers to progressive corporatism, or more recent façade-style, wherein lie the plaza suites of new managerialism.

The Whitehall official is the key to his department's thinking, and its battles with the political head. Although Whitehall is non-political in party terms, each department has its own doctrine. The Treasury is both keep of Whitehall and keeper of the public purse. Here the doctrine is parsimony, irrespective of ruling party, and good sense, whatever the foolishness of power.

Education is an upwardly mobile department, in terms of location, spending and image. It has moved from the wrong side of the river, overlooking the tracks of Waterloo, to Westminster, where officials plan the new managerialism.

Nevertheless, despite the superficialities, the Department for Education, to supporters and critics alike, is known to be "unreconstructed" — the code for sticking to its view of education as anti-knowledge, anti-intellectual, anti-academic, of doing, rather than knowing (of being, rather than mastering). Its power rests on huge public spending and manipulation of the publicly funded and public-sector bodies whose views and interests it reflects, shares, balances, manipulates, from the teacher trainers to the local education authorities.

Tomorrow night (*The Knowledge*, BBC2, 7.30pm) we shall have the chance to see one of the princes of this nihilism taking us through his vision of the destruction yet to come: Sir Geoffrey Holland, a civil servant whose career coincided with the great expansion and indoctrination of Whitehall and whose own departments — Employment and Labour — symbolised the new doctrines. In 1993 he became Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education. One year later he left, apparently because his minister refused to do what the Permanent Secretary demanded. Holland's mission, which would end any prospect of sense in our schools, has continued unabated; and his TV film is but the latest of many interventions in a campaign which mistakes doing for learning in the Whitehall he knows so well.



Sir Geoffrey Holland

There will be no surprises in this vignette to dedicated followers of educationalese over the last 30 years, and the excruciating clichés which provided, then as now, the soundbites of destruction: the small children in a primary school playing their Indonesian musical instruments are being introduced to the world of the future by doing, rather than reading a map (the multicultural aspect unconfined by literacy).

Sir Geoffrey wants more universal adoption of such methods. Lifelong learning begins "by treating children as consumers". He favours the approach at a Hampstead secondary school which "breaks down barriers", where knowledge is far less important that "skills".

The Hampstead head's aim, straight from the manuals, is "to subvert the system". And so the predictable cycle continues. A levels, as we have learnt to expect from a civil servant whose departments have been determined to see them off for decades, are, as he novelly explains, "long past their sell-by date".

Training, too, must become more consumer-friendly — traditional ways "can demature the students"; work-based training must go so that school-leavers can be herded into further education colleges. The solution is hardly climactic: education and training must be merged in one Whitehall department.

What is the reason for this loathing of anything approaching a mind in mankind? Sir Geoffrey's skills are those of the manipulator. Rarely has one seen so naïve an attempt to engage the interlocutors so as to produce the right sounds in so uncritical a fashion. But that remains Whitehall's strength: each department has its own doctrine, and ministers go against its ethos at their peril.

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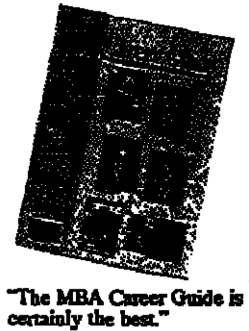

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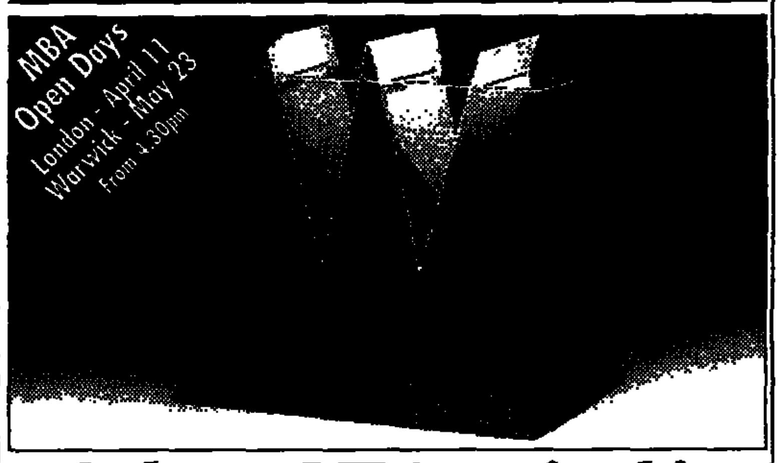

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3,080.70	Aus New Z	229	+ 15	5.1	8.2
10,479.00	Bank America	2993¾	+ 93¾	.	
2,478.70	Bank Scotland	211½	+ 1½	3.1	11.9
8,775.10	Barclays	587½	+ 6	4.4	8.8
1,445.40	Bk of Ireland	304	+ 4	4.7	8.8
10,510.60	Citicorp	2700	+162½		
234.20	Close Bros	246	+ 11	4.0	11.1
4,723.60	Commerzbk	£144½	-521½	6.3	
35,986.40	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1153¾	- 12½	0.5	.
14,877.80	Deutsche Bk	£315¾	+728½	2.4	
141.80	Espirito Santo	662½	- 15¾	12.4	-
126.60	First Nat Fin	75	+ 3	2.5	47.9
97,696.50	Fuji Bank Y	1301	- 64¾	0.5	..
379.70	Hambros	215	+ 16	8.7	13.2
5,951.20	HSBC	688½	+ 42½	5.0	8.5
12,120.10	HSBC Hk	691	+ 44	5.0	8.4
20.90	Joseph (L)	383	.	5.8	11.1
819.70	Kleinwort Bent	614	+ 40	4.4	11.9
7,483.70	Lloyds	577	+ 11	5.8	9.7
7,001.00	Nat Aust Bk	523	+ 29	6.6	9.0
8,846.40	Nat West	508	+ 14	5.3	8.2
118.80	Ottoman Bank	2375	..	6.1	5.7
24.10	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
3,320.30	Ryl Bk Scot	414	+ 4	4.2	11.9
1,490.00	Schroders	1488	+ 60	1.7	14.4
385.10	Schroders N/V	1338	+ 40	2.0	12.0
159.20	Singer & Fried	85	..	5.5	*
2,740.60	Stand Chart	284	+ 14	3.6	8.4
3,680.70	TSB	241	+ 12	4.7	10.3
1,592.80	Warburg SG	724	+ 28	3.8	13.3
5,588.30	Wells Fargo	£100¾	+387½	2.8	
4,255.40	Westpac	233¾	+ 8¾	2.4	-
17.40	Wintrust	205	- 10	6.5	13.7

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.10	ABI Leis	93	- 1	5.5	10.7
56.70	Acal	294		3.0	15.9
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545		3.6	6.6
6.85	Alexanders	17	- 2	7.4	8.2
63.10	Appleyard	95	+ 2	7.6	16.8
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¾		1.7	26.8
139.40	BSS Group	532		4.3	18.8
7.43	Bearing Power	21	+ ½	6.0	10.6
1.26	Bagod 'A'	26	.	3.4	11.0
156.70	Brammer	349		4.7	19.4
3.44	Bridgend Gp	12½	- 1½	2.0	65.0
22.10	Brit Fittings	93	- 1	3.0	.
11.30	Brown & Tawse	35	- 1		
39.10	Burndene	37	- 1	6.5	*
7.92	Callyns	240	- 5	6.0	39.4
16.00	Caster Plc	17	- ½	8.1	9.4
9.59	Central Mtrs	70	+ 3	4.9	46.6
15.40	Cook (DC)	36	+ 1	4.0	11.0
394.40	Cowie	245	+ 1	4.7	10.5
30.50	Dag Motors	126		6.4	14.5
25.90	Denmans El	508		7.4	14.5
233.10	Diploma	417	+ 2	4.0	14.6
1,034.70	Electrocomponents	492		2.6	20.2
39.50	Electron House	155	+ 2	2.9	13.0
199.30	Ellis & Everard	239	- 5	4.1	15.9
94.60	Eurodollar	193		5.5	15.1
48.80	European Mtr	91	+ 1	6.2	9.9
118.40	Evans Halshaw	370	+ 2	4.8	11.6
730.90	Farnell Elect	541	+ 1	1.8	22.2
6.52	File Indexer	53		6.5	7.8
20.40	Gardner	19	- 1	6.3	*
4.05	Glencharlton	16			17.7
6.46	Gownings	71		3.5	21.5
23.30	Hallite Hldgs	63	+ 1		49.2
18.00	Harris (Philip)	167	- 1	5.1	14.6
133.60	Henlys	380	+ 2	3.8	*
2.71	Holders Tech	87		8.6	9.4
36.30	ISA Intl	96	- 2	2.5	*
1,802.10	Inchcape	304	- 9	6.2	10.1
6.26	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
250.10	Kwik-Fit	145	+ 1	3.9	*
284.90	Lex Service	399	+ 7½	5.9	15.9
33.30	Lookers	171	- 1	5.7	9.2
22.90	Malaya Grp	14		2.2	
35.40	Middlesex	8¾	- ½		
39.50	Nortian	380		0.7	17.0
14.60	Northamber	96	- 1	1.9	36.5
13.40	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
87.50	Pendragon	232	+ 6	4.5	-
32.40	Perry Gp	128	+ 4	7.6	*
31.10	Quicks Group	135		4.9	14.2
14.60	REA	160	- 2	4.7	33.1
4.87	Reece	3¾			
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Argos catalogues its gains

ARGOS: The catalogue shopping retailer should provide evidence of a solid Christmas performance in spite of subdued consumer spending in parts of the high street when it unveils a healthy advance in full-year profits today.

A store expansion programme and strong trading in the run-up to Christmas should help the cash-rich group to turn in final pre-tax profits ahead to £96.5 million (£83.5 million), according to Julie Ramshaw at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house. Market forecasts range from £92 million to £98 million. An improved dividend of 9.2p (8p) is predicted.

The group's cash pile is estimated to stand at about £204 million. Margins may be down slightly as the group changes its product mix from DIY and electricals towards toys, furnishings and jewellery, but there should be evidence of gains in market share. There has also been recent market speculation about a possible share buy-back, or a special dividend.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: In spite of well-publicised problems after the unexpected ban on new contracts from the US Defence Department, today's first-half figures from the automotive and aerospace group should point to a solid result for 1994-95.

Continued strong automotive demand will fuel profits growth at Lucas, while aerospace profits are also expected to rebound sharply. There are, however, some fears of a possible provision to cover further costs arising from the US Defence Department investigation.

Edward Stanford, of Albert E Sharp, expects the automotive side to "take off", with a strong first quarter predicted to boost interim pre-tax profits to £54.5 million, compared with £15.5 million last time excluding a £5 million credit. Mr Stanford's forecast is at the top end of market expectations ranging from £41 million to £54 million, with Lucas's profits normally biased towards the second half. A maintained interim dividend of 2.1p is expected.

Analysts also await further news on the recent £1 billion contract to supply advanced electronic fuel injection systems to Volkswagen, the big German car manufacturer.

BOWATER: The printing, packaging and paper group, is expected to lift full-year pre-tax profits to £228 million (£211.9 million), according to UBS. The broker says Bowater, which reports tomorrow, has managed to pass on paper price increases, albeit with time delays, and is now going through the rather painful process with plastics. A total dividend of 14p (12.55p) is expected.

PRUDENTIAL: Attention at tomorrow's final results from Britain's largest insurer will focus on who is likely to replace Mick Newmarch, Prudential's former chief executive who resigned after the Stock Exchange launched an investigation into a controversial share option deal.

Sir Brian Corby, Prudential's chairman who retires at the end of May when he hands over to Sir Martin Jacomb, stepped in as acting chief executive after Mr Newmarch's departure in January. Peter Davis, a non-executive director at Prudential and a former chairman of Reed International, is the hot favourite to take the empty chief executive's chair.

The City will also be keen to see the extent to which Prudential has been hurt by the publicity surrounding the mis-selling of personal pensions and the associated fall-off in business.

Jonathan Sheehan, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, has pencilled in an advance in final pre-tax profits to £645 million (£589 million), with a dividend of 14.4p (13.2p) predicted. Market profit forecasts range from £592 million to £650 million.

Sir Brian Corby stepped in to fill the gap after Mick Newmarch left the Prudential

BARRATT: A window into the housing market will be provided on Wednesday when Barratt Developments unveils interim results to the end of December. As with other builders, Barratt will have benefited from broadening its range of houses, which is likely to have boosted average selling prices.

NatWest Securities has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £14.5 million (£11.3 million), with an interim dividend of 2.35p (2p) predicted.

GUINNESS: Results due on Thursday are expected to show Guinness's profits approaching the £1 billion mark. Analysts will be most interested in any comments the company has to make about current trading, with attention focusing on possible price rises this year.

Analysts also await any comments the group may make on its Latin American performance. Bad news is expected from Venezuela and Mexico, where United Distillers has significant exposure.

NatWest Securities expects final pre-tax profits to rise to £911 million (£702 million), with the dividend predicted to climb to 13.8p (12.8p).

Spirits, the biggest earnings generator accounting for some 74 per cent of operating profits, is expected to show relatively flat profits of £704 million with a slight improvement in Scotch sales, but a modest decrease in other spirits. Beer, accounting for about 26 per cent of operating profits, should see profits rise by about 8 per cent, in spite of little improvement in the Spanish market.

WM MORRISON: The Scottish supermarket chain gave investors an encouraging trading picture in January when it revealed that sales for the 48 weeks were running 15.7 per cent ahead of the previous year.

UBS expects few surprises on Thursday when the group reveals results predicted to show final pre-tax profits ahead to £115 million (£97.8 million). Market forecasts range from £115 million to £119 million.

However, analysts remain concerned about the group's ability to expand strongly because of availability of sites, tightening competition and management succession. An improved dividend of 1.2p (1p) is expected.

HEPWORTH: Thursday's final pre-tax profits from the building materials group are expected to advance to £76 million (£58.3 million), according to BZW, with an unchanged dividend of 14.85p predicted. Market forecasts range from £73 million to £77 million.

The group is heavily exposed to the sluggish UK building materials market, but double-figure growth is expected in both its British and European heating operations in spite of intensifying competition.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Beacon IT, Biocure Holdings, Groupe Chez Gerard, Invesco Japan Discovery, Lucas Industries. **Finals:** Alliance Trust, Argos, BCI, Bunzl, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Edinburgh Oil & Gas, GT Chile Growth Fund, Law Debenture, John Mansfield, Metalrax, Newport Holdings, Saint Louis, Simon Engineering, TDS Circuits, Thornton Asian Emerging Markets IT, TT Group, VCI, Wilson Bowden. **Economic statistics:** Building societies monthly figures (February), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (February), major British banking groups' monthly statement (end-Febuary).

TOMORROW

Interims: Dorling Kindersley, IAF Group, John Maunders, Old Mutual South Africa, Paterson Zochonis, Ricardo Group, UK Estates. **Finals:** Appleyard Group, Applied Distribution, Avonmore Foods, Avonside Group, Blagden Industries, BSG International, Bowater, Claremont Garments, Clinton Cards, Clyde Petroleum, S Daniels, Derwent Valley, EW Fact, Fife Indmar, Fired Earth, Halifax Building Society, Hartons Group, Hydro International, Innovative Technologies, Johnson Group Cleaners, Nottingham Group, Peek, Prudential Corp, River & Mercantile American Capital, Secure Trust, Singapore Para Rubber, UniChem, Vinten Group, Waterford Wedgwood, Wilson (Connolly), Arthur Wood & Son, World of Leather. **Economic statistics:** Balance of trade with countries outside the European Union (February).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Barratt Developments, Frederick Cooper, HTR Japanese Smaller Companies Trust, NFC International (Q1), NM Smaller Australian Companies Trust, Schroder Japan Growth, Town Centre Securities. **Finals:** Abbott Mead Vickers, American Trust, Arcadian International, Blenheim Group, BNB Resources, Britannic Assurance, Bruntcliffe Aggregates, W Canning, Devro International, Geest, Mithras IT, Newman Tonks, Pittards, Plasmec, Ropner, SCA, Seafield Resources, Telspec, Trinity International, Weir Group. **Economic statistics:** GB cinema exhibitors (Q4), international banking statistics (Q4), agricultural land prices (Q4), minutes of February 2 monthly meeting between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of Bank of England.

THURSDAY

Interims: Baillie Gifford Japan, Dowding & Mills, Edinburgh Dragon Trust, Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies, M J Gleeson, Manganese Bronze, Trafford Park Estates, Wescol Group. **Finals:** APV, Aspen Communications, William Baird, Bilston & Battersea, Biotrace International, Bridon, British-Borneo Petroleum, Campbell & Armstrong, Cattle's (Holdings), Evans Halshaw, Global Group, Guildhall Property, Guinness, Hepworth, Kinta Kellas, John Laing, LVMH, Manders, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, Nelson Hurst, Quality Software, Richardsons Westgarth, Slough Estates, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Travis Perkins, United Newspapers, Whatman, Wolstenholme Rink. **Economic statistics:** Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (January), retail prices index (February), farm incomes in the UK (1993-94), agriculture in the UK (1994), institutional investment (Q4), new vehicle registrations (February).

FRIDAY

Interims: China & Eastern Investment Co, GR (Holdings). **Finals:** Beauford, DRS Data & Research, Garton Engineering, Goal Petroleum, Hamleys, Holders Technology, Holmes Protection, Hornby Group, IOM Steam Packet, John Mowlem & Co, Renown. **Economic statistics:** CBI monthly trends inquiry (March), quarterly national accounts (Q4), UK balance of payments (Q4).

M4 money supply and building societies head busy week

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

A busy week for statistics starts with M4 money supply and building society lending figures for February. The median market expectation is for a rise of 0.5 per cent in M4 money supply, which would drop the annual rate of growth to 4.1 per cent from 4.2 per cent. M4 bank lending is expected to be about £4 billion, somewhat lower than the high £4.6 billion in January, when borrowing was boosted as firms sought to finance their annual corporation tax payments. Building society net new commitments are expected to be higher at about £2.9 billion, compared with January's £2 billion, according to a survey of market opinion by MMS International.

Tomorrow, figures for non-European Union trade are due, with most analysts expecting a slight widening in the deficit to about £400 million in February from January's £303 million.

Thursday sees publication of February's retail prices index. Headline inflation will be boosted by January's mortgage rate rises. The index is expected to rise 0.6 per cent, having been flat in January, boosting its annual rate to 3.4 per cent (3.3 per cent). The annual rate of underlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, is forecast to dip to 2.6 per cent (2.8 per cent). This month, the RPIY measure of inflation, which excludes mortgages and indirect taxes, is published for the first time.

On Friday, the CBI's monthly trends inquiry is published, as well as full figures for growth in the fourth quarter. These include consumer spending, real personal disposable income and the savings ratio. On the same day, there are full balance of payments figures for the fourth quarter. The median market expectation is for a current account deficit of £900 million in the fourth quarter, against £800 million in the third. The other economic news is the publication on Wednesday of the minutes of the February 2 monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George — of academic interest only because they announced they were raising interest rates immediately after.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

Sunday Times: **Buy** Tomkins, Argos, Quarto Group; **Hold** Guinness. *Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Ex-Lands, UniChem, Trinity International, Albert Fisher. *Observer:* **Buy** John Mansfield, Tate & Lyle, Argos; **Hold** Guinness. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** William Baird, Whitbread, Watmoughs. *Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** Abbey National, London Forfaiting, Singer & Friedlander; **Sell** Cementone.

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Recovery in jobs 'slowing'

Recovery in the job market may be slowing down, according to the latest survey from Manpower, the employment agency.

Based on responses from 2,100 employers across the country, the Manpower survey shows that a balance of 12 per cent of employers — those forecasting a rise set against those predicting a fall — believe jobs will rise in the three months to the end of June. While this figure is higher than the 10 per cent balance for the same time last year, Manpower said that the size of the swing in the figure compared to the previous quarter "shows some signs of a slowdown".

☐ The Government's Youth Training programme — its main scheme for young unemployed — is in danger of becoming a "second-rate option" for both employers and school-leavers, a new report by Industrial Relations Services, the employment analysts, says today.

Bank stakes

S G Warburg, the investment bank, saw its lead position in the City eroded last year, according to the latest edition of *Crawford's*, the annual City directory. Its lead was cut by more than half after its client list shrank and that of Schroders grew strongly. Warburg stays second to Cazenove in stockbroking.

Morgan deal

Morgan Crucible, the materials technology group, has acquired three businesses in the US for $34.6 million, using part of the cash raised through the disposal of the Holt Lloyd's car care business. About $30 million is for Pure Carbon, which makes and supplies mechanical seals, bearings, vanes and rotors.

Russia link

Mercury Communications has launched the first digital, private-circuit link between Britain and Russia's Rostelecom, allowing business customers to bypass the static-prone satellite system or public analogue lines.

One banknote in a hundred is a forgery, say retailers

By Martin Waller

ONE banknote in every hundred in circulation in Britain is a fake, according to estimates from retailers, after a surge in counterfeiting spurred on by advances in computer technology and cheap colour copying.

Banknote fraud in Britain has yet to reach the levels recorded last week in Moscow, where reports say one in every four dollars, for many Muscovites the favoured currency, is fraudulent and printed by the powerful mafia.

But the scale of the problem has escalated to the point that some retailers are refusing to handle certain notes. More worryingly, the rise in banknote fraud is almost impossible to define because the fakes pass for the real thing.

The big clearing banks have instructions to inform the police whenever a fraudulent note turns up at one of their branches, but the overstretched police forces often do not react. Instead the notes are sent to the Bank of England.

The Bank never gives out figures for how many fake notes are picked up every year. But the Bank claims those it has identified represent only a "tiny fraction of 1 per cent" of the notes in circulation, a view echoed by the Home Office-funded National Criminal Intelligence Service.

The NCIS records that last year fake notes worth £17.3 million were recovered, almost £12 million of them before they reached the streets.

In other Western countries the past half-decade has seen banknote fraud rise more than tenfold, a trend which there is no reason to suppose has not been mirrored in Britain. In West Germany, for example, the Bundesbank detected almost 42,000 dud notes in 1993, worth a total of DM5.7 million. This compared with 14,000 the year before and fewer than 3,500, worth DM304,000, in 1989. As a result, the Bundesbank launched a publicity campaign last year and expects the 1994 figures, due shortly, to show a drop.

The figure of 1 per cent fake notes in Britain is an internal estimate by the Retail Consortium, says Tim McGough, secretary of its security committee. This probably under-emphasises the problem, because forgers inevitably concentrate on higher denominations. In some areas, the £50 note is no longer legal currency, to the extent that the counterfeiters are now more likely to concentrate on £20 notes.

Jeremy Marshall, chief executive of De La Rue, which prints notes, says: "It's a growing problem, but it's genuinely difficult to give numbers. You just don't have the information to quantify it."

He points out that the pound is rather less sinned against than other major currencies. The dollar, for example, has the twin advantage to the counterfeiter that it is used as a secondary currency almost anywhere in the world and is relatively easy to fake because the greenback contains few security features.

The war with the forgers is a classic offensive/defensive technology race. Holograms, for example, are by now old hat. Many in the printing industry are looking to developments such as optically-variable ink, which changes colour on the note as the light shifts, or so-called kinegrams, super-holograms already used in some Canadian and Swiss banknotes. But the only certainty is that one day the criminals will catch up.

Real or fake: part of the Bundesbank's anti-fraud campaign

NAG Telecom buys Rymans for £5m

By Susan Gilchrist

THE receiver to Pentos has sold the Rymans chain, the last part of the failed Pentos group, to NAG Telecom, a mobile-phone supplier, for about £5 million. About 600 jobs will now be saved.

Theo Paphitis, chairman of NAG, beat off five rival offers, including one from the chain's franchisees, to secure control. NAG already operates concessions selling mobile phones in 25 of the 110 Rymans stores.

Mr Paphitas is keen to expand the chain's presence in the mobile-phone sector as well as other areas of high-tech office equipment. He is also looking to move outside its territorial heartland in the South East.

The purchase price is well below the £15 million the banks had originally been looking for. However, the receiver, which had been pushing for a quick sale to prevent disruption to trading, persuaded them this was unrealistic. Rymans incurred a loss of £4.7 million last year.

KPMG, which was appointed receiver on March 1, has sold all three parts of the Pentos group as going concerns. Dillons, the bookshop chain, was bought by Thorn EMI for £36 million the day after the receivership was announced. Pentos's office furniture business, which was not in receivership, was sold to Bullough for £9.2 million a week later.

Barclays and Midland, Pentos's bankers, have recouped about £50 million of the £70 million owed to them.

Firms are warned of telephone paralysis

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and Mercury Communications have warned thousands of small businesses that they could be paralysed on April 16, the dreaded Phoneday, if they continue to ignore reminders that their telephone systems must be adapted to recognise new dialling prefixes.

They are also urging businesses and households to remember to adapt alarm systems, many of which, when triggered, call the police and fire services. If calls do not get through, insurance policyholders may have to meet the cost of a burglary or a fire. "If your alarms are invalid because you forgot to reprogram them, your insurance may be invalid," Mercury said.

The reprogramming must be done by the company that installed the alarm.

BT said that as many as 20,000 small businesses still have equipment that prevents calls being made to numbers with the new prefixes. On Phoneday, prefixes expand through addition of a "1" (the central London code, for instance, goes from 071 to 0171).

The change applies across the country except for Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester and Bristol, which will be given new codes. To make Phoneday even more hectic, the code for making an international call from Britain also changes, from 010 to 00, as part of the European harmonisation programme.

Mercury said that failure to reprogram telephone systems will result in higher telephone bills for Mercury customers.

Mercury equipment automatically sends national long-distance and international calls over its own network; local calls are completed on BT's network. Unless customers adapt their systems, local calls will automatically be completed on Mercury's network, whose local-call fees exceed BT's.

The Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), the custodian of telephone numbers, is promising more confusion to come. The 01 prefix it is launching next month is merely the first of eight prefixes, from 02 to 09, destined for use. Oftel proposes using 02 for new subscribers; the 01 prefix does not actually expand the available stock of numbers.

GILT-EDGED

Following the trail to a bull market

What is normally required for a major bond rally? From the eight economic cycles since 1958, we have tried to draw lessons for the gilt market in this cycle. Four conditions usually apply at major downturns in yields. Economic growth is slowing; inflation is nearing a peak; short rates are peaking and the yield curve is flat or inverse (three-month rates are at, or above, long yields).

The average cycle measured from trough to trough in the CSO coincident indicator (CI) is 19 quarters. The CI trough tends to be between zero and two quarters ahead of the bond-yield trough. The relationship between CI peak and yield peak is more complex because, in the last three cycles, there has been a double top in the CI. That is a temporary setback in the economy before further strength. Any significant peak in the CI leads to a fall in bond yields. The average lead time is 2.5 quarters from economic activity peak to yield peak, but they can coincide. This relationship is important at present as the CI may be peaking. This suggests we may need to look out for a cyclical peak in yields. It may have occurred when yields hit 9 per cent in September. Even if the CI falls in coming months, we cannot be sure whether the likely fall in bond yields is temporary. Some feel that even if 1995 is soft, 1996 will see a pick-up as fiscal brakes come off consumers.

Bond-yield peaks tend to precede the inflation peak by two to four quarters. A similar gap is typical from bond yield trough to inflation trough. Inflation needs to peak in 1995 to be in line with the view that we have seen the yield peak. This is hard to conclude confidently. Goldman Sachs's leading indicator of inflation has been easing for four months, but its 20-month average lead time suggests an inflation peak could be delayed until 1996's second quarter. That would be a long lead from the bond market if 1994's fourth quarter was the yield peak. Rising price and pay pressure in surveys, and a weak pound, make it hard to predict inflation's peak.

Interest rates probably need to rise — perhaps by 50bp before mid-year in the face of rising inflation and possible rate rises in the US and Germany. A 50bp hike in autumn to offset tax cuts is probably also needed if the Bank of England is to hit its 1-2.5 per cent inflation target by the end of this Parliament. If recent signs of slowdown prove temporary, a hike in 1996 may be required. Precedent suggests it is hard for yields to sustain a decrease with interest rates rising.

History suggests we need flat or inverse curves before a lasting bull market. With base rates at 6.75 per cent and bond yields around 8.5 per cent, that would suggest we need base rates nearer 8 per cent for a major rally.

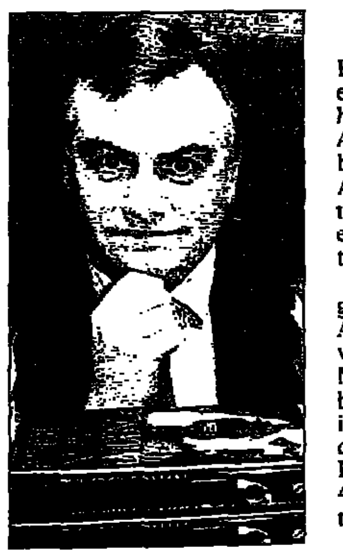
All this would suggest we are probably seeing a false dawn in gilts in line with the last three cycles in which there was a temporary slowdown in economic activity.

Late in 1995, or early in 1996, many conditions for a major gilts rally may exist. A second peak in economic activity could be in sight. Inflation and interest rates could be near a peak. The yield curve should be flatter. Value is apparent in gilt yields now as high real yields, a good pick-up over cash and relatively high inflation discounted in nominal yields. Sooner or later, this value will be realised. This suggests portfolio duration should be quite high. If the cycle pans out as we expect, there will be a second chance to add more duration at favourable levels. If not, and we are at the beginning of a major bull move, investors will not have to scramble for extra duration at lower yields.

Doug Jones and Caroline Worsfold
NatWest Investment Management

Book rules 'raising prices'

By Colin Narbrough



Hely Hutchinson: sales up

BRITISH readers pay, on average, 70 per cent more for hardback bestsellers than do American book-buyers because of the UK Net Book Agreement (NBA), according to Tim Hely Hutchinson, chief executive of Hodder Headline, the publisher.

In a speech to the centenary gathering of the Booksellers' Association in London at the weekend, he said that the NBA's effect in keeping hardback prices high and restraining volume sales also contributed towards making British paperback bestsellers 40 per cent more expensive than their US equivalents.

Mr Hely Hutchinson said that British readers had turned almost exclusively to paperbacks because of NBA restrictions, and the success of paperbacks was heavily subsidising hardbacks.

The NBA was introduced a century ago to prevent cut-throat price competition by grocers and haberdashers from ruining traditional booksellers.

The Restrictive Practices Court, which has previously allowed publishers to continue to impose minimum prices, has been asked by the Office of Fair Trading to review its position this summer. The Commons National Heritage Select Committee is due to consider the issue after Easter.

Mr Hely Hutchinson said that since Hodder left the NBA on Boxing Day, its sales had risen strongly. Hodder and Reed, which left the NBA earlier, together represent 15 to 20 per cent of UK book sales.

Publishers Weekly figures indicate that US publishers sell 5 to 10 times more copies per capita of hardback bestsellers than do UK publishers.

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German mark
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France Fr	8.35	7.70
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Dynamism for markets but stability for policy

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Barring accidents, Clause Four in Labour's reformed constitution will contain an eccentric sentiment. "We work", its says, "for a dynamic economy...". Perhaps this is no more than an echo of Harold Wilson's "white heat" of 30 years ago. But the nominal purpose of the change is to switch from the failed refuge of common ownership to rely on competitive market enterprise. Those 30 years should have taught that market forces are dynamic enough — without any help from a Labour Government. The unplanned industrial and information revolutions have proved all-pervasive and inescapable, while the Bolshevik revolution became another failed theoretical experiment. The drawback, for ordinary people, is usually that market forces are too dynamic for their comfort.

Words in a constitution, new or old, mean little, but these seem ominous for voters. For when the history of the current Government comes to be written, its failure will surely be seen in coping with the creative market forces it unleashed. People want a bit of stability. The economy needs it. Last week, Kenneth Clarke acknowledged, in effect, that recovery in the economy was not getting through to ordinary people. That justly loathed phrase "the feel-good factor", was born of marketing hubris, the idea that the macroeconomy can be sold as a product with qualities separate from people's experience of it. The Chancellor seemed to admit that this was a hopeless task. Crudely, gross pay is only barely keeping pace with prices, while taxes are going up. The taxes and prices index suggests the average earner would need an increase in income of 4 per cent and rising to maintain private living standards. As the Chancellor argued, part of the gap should be temporary. Once the tax burden has adjusted to the new higher rate of public spending, growth should translate into living standards. But that will not close the gap. The economy is also weaker than it appears, and taxes higher, because people feel less secure.

As any Third World citizen might testify, insecurity is relative. By most standards, the British are featherbedded. By their own standards, life is going downhill. Strangely, politicians, journalists and other ideamongers from traditionally risky walks of life have encouraged this fear. Nearly half a million steady jobs in former state utilities have been axed or doomed, to general public approval. Anyone with a supposedly safe career, say in the Civil Service or teaching, is sneered at as a privileged vested interest trying to escape competitive market forces. Industry has made clear that jobs for life are a thing of the past. Ministers welcomes this as the future. So does Tony Blair's Opposition. As Labour's new consumerism illustrates, former radicals who have lost their "ideals" tend to lay about any stable institution they come across to vent residual anti-establishment feelings.

The most tangible effects of insecurity and higher labour mobility have been to boost taxation and clobber the housing market. The next impact will be on pensions. Houses in most parts are relatively cheap compared to incomes. But more people fear taking on such a high burden if they cannot expect steady employment. For the same reasons, lenders have become more cautious. And the Government, realising that job insecurity among mortgage payers boosts public spending, has chosen to limit the impact by cutting support to homebuyers who lose their jobs. With insecurity, fewer people will be able to become owner-occupiers.

Labour's new Clause Four principles aim to put wealth in the hands of the many, as individuals, without the previous collectivist alternative. For individual families, the main items of wealth are owner-occupied property, financial savings and inheritance. Until recession took hold, the right-to-buy policy was a great wealth spreader. If Labour really wants to expand the wealth of the many, rather than take away that of the few, it will find that far harder if people are insecure. Far from working for a dynamic economy, or shocking it with a cattle-prod if it does not prove dynamic enough, the job of government should be to make a private enterprise economy work for ordinary families.

As Americans understand, market forces are revolutionary and the constant changes they bring are uncomfortable for those who have not volunteered for them. As a result, democracies usually vote to look after the victims, requiring ever rising taxation. To avoid this, a government's task is to help to smoothe change, occasionally setting contrary priorities and setting the right market incentives to achieve them. The costly mishandling of the rundown of coal will go down as one of the worst failures of planning to help a market economy. Labour is in danger of making similar mistakes with utilities.

The Archbishop of York seems to understand these issues better. As he has suggested, there is not much point mouthing platitudes about the importance of family life if you take away the fiscal incentives and accommodate market trends running against the traditional family. Families also save tax, explaining why low-tax Hong Kong gives such large fiscal incentives to families. Planning ahead to accommodate and channel market-led change is much harder that trying to run industry, more challenging than adjusting fiscal and monetary policy with the help of computer program. Whitehall will not guess market forces right all the time and will then be tempted to reckon the market must be wrong. But if the economy is to be free to be "dynamic", government must try to cut the social cost. Labour cannot dodge that with its new platitudes.

Exposing a British defence secret

The Government claims to have a competitive defence procurement policy. Not so, says Ross Tieman

The UK has ordered 66 EH101s. Italy, which helps to make them, has yet to order any

The Government's pretence that Britain has no industrial policy will finally be exposed this week, when MPs from two parliamentary scrutiny committees sit down to begin an inquiry into purchases of defence equipment.

For the first time, the Defence and Industry Select Committees will work together to uncover the secret government agenda underlying the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs from Britain's biggest manufacturing sector.

In the 1980s, the Government insisted it had only one strategy for procurement: competition. Gone was the cosy world of cost-plus contracts. Suppliers were encouraged to fight tooth and claw to make weapons that would kill and maim the Queen's enemies. Cost overruns shortened, and efficiency improved. For the taxpayer and the services, at least, competition proved a success.

But the collapse of the Berlin Wall destroyed the foundations of this strategy. Without the Warsaw Pact threat, what were Britain's forces for? And what equipment would they need?

While generals, admirals and air marshals pondered, weapons programmes went on ice. In some areas, an emptying order book fed through to manufacturers with dizzying speed. They began to issue dire warnings to ministers, at first privately, then in public. Not only was manufacturing capacity being lost, they said, but in some areas Britain risked losing the technical capability to design and develop weapons which might be needed in the future.

While the Government and generals dithered, UK arms chiefs quickly realised that they shared a problem with their European colleagues. Shrinking national markets and the rising cost of developing weapons made international mergers essential for economies of scale to be achieved. Yet this would be impossible without more common procurement programmes.

For Britain's national champions, the growing enthusiasm throughout Europe for collaboration in arms manufacture coincided with the appointment of Michael Heseltine as President of the Board of Trade. While keeping a low public profile, he opened his door to defence manufacturers, and listened carefully to what they said.

He was fortunate to have a pragmatic Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, as the industry's chief customer. The pace of convergence has been accelerated by the enthusiasm of Roger Freeman, Defence Procurement Minister, to promote competition for Europe-wide contracts by Euro-consortia.

Britain's hands-off procurement policy has collapsed as completely as the Berlin Wall, bulldozed by exactly the same set of economic forces.

A string of recent procurement decisions provide the evidence. First, project Horizon, the next generation frigate programme. For the first time, Britain, France and Italy have agreed to design and equip a warship that will be used in near-identical versions by the navies of all three countries.

Second, the next generation of air transport, known as the Future Large Aircraft, or FLA. In a crushing defeat for Royal Air Force traditionalists, the Ministry of Defence decided last autumn on a split procurement to meet its transport needs. While buying extra Lockheed Hercules to reinforce the existing fleet, the MoD announced that Britain will rejoin the European FLA project, provided it is managed commercially.

The decision provides the opportunity to acquire a larger, faster, more cost-effective aircraft capable of carrying light tanks and artillery rocket systems. Purchasing variants for tanker, and perhaps maritime patrol roles, will cut RAF maintenance costs. But it also has wide-ranging industrial implications. Rejoining FLA will help to secure the role of British Aerospace within the Airbus Industrie civil aircraft-building consortium.

In both cases, Britain, France and Germany will achieve a convergence of defence procurement cycles, facilitating a common approach to subsequent procurement decisions.

Industrial and defence procurement policies are now deeply interwoven. The decision to buy the Westland/-Agusta EH101 helicopter for the British Army, announced less than a fortnight ago, was important to position Westland as one of the world's top three helicopter companies, and ensure it can compete effectively for exports.

Buying EH101 will oblige the RAF to spend an extra £300 million setting up maintenance facilities. Opponents argue that a buy-British, or buy-European, policy has substantial additional costs. This is a fallacy. Procurement policies that favour domestic manufacturers can prove to be the best value for the Treasury in the long run, because of the additional revenue they generate, and unemployment costs they avoid.

But securing the lead role of the UK defence industry in Europe will be a tough challenge, even with the full backing of the Government. France, which has the third-biggest defence industry in the West, after the US and Britain, will fight hard to avoid being disadvantaged. And German companies, led by Daimler-Benz, are determined to claim a bigger role in arms manufacture and aerospace.

Until now, Britain has maintained its lead role, and helped to hold down procurement costs, through massive exports of successful weapons such as Hawk, Harrier and Tornado fighters, Challenger tanks and secondhand warships. Overseas weapons sales bring in £5 billion a year, matching or exceeding equipment spending by the MoD.

The challenge for the joint defence/industry committee inquiry will be to decide whether these policies are sufficient to protect the interests of national defence, and Britain's armaments industry.

Weapons systems have long development and life cycles. The strength of Britain's arms industry is founded upon equipment such as Harrier and Hawk aircraft, based on technology conceived in the 1950s. Some industry leaders argue that without more government support for core technologies research, there is a danger that the well of ideas will run dry.

At the same time, there are deepening concerns that inadequate government backing has resulted in British manufacturers selling their market share to overseas competitors in exchange for development funding. Italy contributed equally to the £3 billion development cost of the EH101 helicopter. The MoD has now ordered 66 aircraft. Italy has yet to buy any. Yet half the work on the aircraft is done by Agusta in Italy.

The Horizon frigate programme threatens another sell-out. Britain plans to buy ten to 12, France four and Italy two. Yet the development is being equally funded by the three countries. Is Britain getting a bargain, or through its purchases, funding research programmes for its European partners?

The issues are critical. In past collaborative programmes, such as the Tornado strike aircraft, Britain has maintained its own assembly line and earned billions of pounds through exports. If new weapons are full of systems built by continental partners, Britain's defence industry will be weakened, not enhanced. There is plenty for the committee to get its teeth into.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bond aims for wedded bliss

ALAN BOND, the fallen West Australian tycoon, was never to be written off entirely. Even as he faces serious criminal charges linked to a French work of art and more than A$1 billion diverted from Bell Resources, he has decided to wed anew. The British-born ex-signwriter, who rose to head the Bond Corporation, control Castlemaine beer, win the America's Cup and become Australian of the Year, suffered the dual blow three years ago of being declared bankrupt and seeing his marriage to his forceful first wife, Eileen, fail. Word now has it in Sydney that Bond, almost 57, is about to tie the knot with a former air hostess 17 years his junior, a good friend since the early 1980s. The name of the lucky lady, Diana Bliss, could hardly be more suitable for Bond after all his troubles. As if a heaven-sent name were not enough, the wedding is expected to take place the day before Easter at Darling Point.

Old china's return

COULD it be because they keep on smashing the plates? Or it is because the Russians just love Wedgwood? The fine bone china group has just won another order from Russia — this time, to supply the Kremlin with a 50,000-piece special service featuring the new Romanov crest. As part of this year's celebrations of two centuries of doing business with Russia, 250 pieces of the famed 952-piece Frog Service, commissioned by Catherine the Great, will be coming over to the V&A in June where they will be the centrepiece of Wedgwood's bicentenary exhibition.

AN OLD merchant bank they called Baring,
Was thought of as solid, if wearing,
But they gambled their fees on,
A trader named Leeson,
And positions in dire need of squaring.

Star attraction?

GOLDENEYE, the new James Bond movie being shot in France and Russia may be what troubled Crédit Lyonnais is hoping will boost the sale price of its property, MGM Studios, and help to pay for the bank's costly rescue.

RADIO CHOICE

Living with a different set

Navrongo Story. *Radio 4, 9.00pm.*

When a Yorkshireman spends ten months of the year in northern Ghana as a member of an extended family, some social, metaphysical and gastronomical reorientation is called for. Jonathan Bean, a set designer from Ilkley, has been adopted by a Ghanaian family and lives in a mud and zinc hut. Barking guard dogs are a nuisance. Sometimes, as a delicacy, they get eaten. The millet diet is monotonous. Respect for the spiritual beliefs of others is not easy when intelligent people swear to have seen a man remove his head, dance about, and then put it back again. But there are plusses. Wealth is measured in terms of friendship and the smell of rain falling on African dust is a rare sensuous delight.

Radio 2 National Big Band Competition All-Winners' Concert. *Radio 2, 8.00pm.*

If at first you don't succeed... Tonight's concert vindicates the adage's exhortation to try, try, and try again. Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra were twice runners-up in the competition's senior section. Third time lucky: this year. Wigan won *top* honours in the section. Winners of the junior section were Aylesbury Music Centre Dance Band. On roof-raising nights such as this, it is perhaps invidious to talk of highlights. Instead, I can tell you that tonight's all-winners' concert culminates in the two winning bands triumphantly combining in Duke Ellington's *Take the A-Train.* **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren: featuring The Amazing Spiderman, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Alan Parker **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Fletcher **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Malcolm Laycock **8.00** Radio 2's National Big Band Competition All-Winners' Concert: See Choice **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Adventures in Jazz: Guitarist Tony Remy in concert **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Colin Berry **3.00-6.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Voices of the Old Firm: the rivalry between football clubs Rangers and Celtic **8.05** The Monday Match: Norwich City v Ipswich Town **9.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *The Inseparable Twins* **7.30** H.G. Wells and Science Fiction **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Replace a Disc **9.30** *Learning World* **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Guide to the Information Superhighway **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** My Music **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *The Inseparable Twins* **2.45** Miles Kington Interview **3.00** News **3.15** The Bridge **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.30** Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** The Desert of Merv **7.45** Health Matters **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** News **2.30** My Music **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A to Z of Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert. Music connected with Greece **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Language in *Hard Times*
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air: Vivaldi** (Sopranino Recorder Concerto in C, RV443); Grieg (Peter Gynt, Suite No 1); Enescu (Violin Sonata, Torso); Beethoven (Overture, The Creatures of Prometheus); **8.20** *Songbook Series*: Wolf (Italienisches Liederbuch); Koechlin (Les Bandar-Log)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Robert Carver. Sacred and secular music of the early 16th-century Scottish court
9.45 Musical Encounters: Dvořák (Legend No 4 in C); **10.00** *Artist of the Week*: Marie-Claire Alain, organ, plays Poulenc (Organ Concerto); **10.20** *Voices and Viols*: BBC Singers under Bo Holten and Rose Consort of Viols perform music by Gibbons, Tomkins, Carter and Stroman; **10.45** An 80th birthday tribute to the pianist Sviatoslav Richter; **11.25** C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in B flat, Wq161 No 2); Boccherini (Symphony No 4 in D minor, La casa del diavolo)
12.00 Singing in the Ruins, with Richard Osborne
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, with Barbara Bonney, soprano, and Thomas Schuback, piano
2.00 Schools: 20th-Century Soundbites **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Concert Orchestra under Martin Handley. Franck (Symphonic Poem, Les Eolides); Rimsky-Kosakov (Fantasy on Two Russian Themes, Op 33); Smetana (Symphonic Poem, Hakon Jarl)
3.45 Music for Organ: Naji Hakim plays Hakim (Marïales); Langlais (Trio, Mosaiques); Hakim (Variations on two themes, Improvisation)
4.30 Time and Changes, with pianist and composer Stan Tracey
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune, including Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan); **6.03** Ravel (Trois chansons); Schubert (Fantasy in C, D760, Wanderer)
7.30 Fairest Isle: Edward Elgar — The Music Maker. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Bach, arr Elgar (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Hugh Wood (Symphony); Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor)
9.15 The Forties — Catalysts: Five views on the most important scientific developments of the 1940s, beginning with the biologist Lewis Wolpert on the work proving that genes are made of DNA
9.35 Goyescas: Alma Petchersky plays Granados's Spanish piano cycle
10.45 Mixing It: including David Thomas of Pere Ubu, and the 2 Pale Boys in session
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Salomon Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 33 No 4); Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, Hunt)
1.00-2.10 Night School: Scene on Radio — *Dear Nobody* by Berlie Doherty: Drama **1.30** German 16+: Deutschlandspiegel

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** History File **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and *Times* columnist Brenda Maddox. With Professor Frank Close, John Gribbin, Sheila McLean and David Malone
10.00-10.30 News; Dear Diary (FM only): The naturalist and writer Richard Mabey introduces his favourite springtime diary entries
10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from St John the Baptist parish church, Dronfield, South Yorkshire
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): Journeys
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the playwright Sharman MacDonald
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444. With Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Dare Brehan
12.25pm Counterpoint. Last of three semi-finals in the music quiz. With Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Tree of Liberty: Second of a four-part detective series by Nigel Baldwin, set in 1791 Amiens. In *To Be a Pilgrim*, Lacroix asks a sorceress to help him to solve a ritual killing. With David Calder and Brian Hibbard
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Lynne Walker reviews a new production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at English National Opera; and talks to Derek Jacobi about *Hadrian VII*
4.45 Short Story: Skiffle Night, by Philip Norman. Read by Oliver Cotton
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 The News Quiz, with Barry Took (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Once a Greek. Friedrich Dürrenmatt's story about Arnolph Archilochos, a man whose world is turned upside down when he advertises for a wife. With Jim Broadbent, Ellie Haddington and Mia Soteriou
9.00 Navrongo Story: See Choice.
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Olivia. Dorothy Bussy describes the emotional liaisons and jealousies at a girls' finishing school in France. Read by Susan Bovell (1/4)
11.00-11.30 The Travellers' Souk (FM only) (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only), presented by *Times* columnist Libby Purves
11.30-12.30am The Vacillations of Poppy Carew (FM only): Penultimate episode of a six-part dramatisation of the novel by Mary Wesley. With Beatie Edney and Kim Wall (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Alas, goodness had nothing to do with it

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Thirteen million people watched the first part of Granada's Sunday night prostitution saga *Band of Gold* (ITV) last week. It was a phenomenal figure, especially since BBC 1 had countered with the heavyweight *When Harry Met Sally*. For the BBC ratings watchers, therefore, this must have been a slightly uncomfortable week. As the weedy Joanna Trollope adaptation **The Choir** (BBC 1) excitedly shadow-boxed in the dressing room (in a silk gown of ecclesiastical purple), pathetically eager for its first round against *Band of Gold*, doubts in the cathedral camp must have run high. "You'll be great," was the insincere encouragement; "Knock 'em for six, kid." Meanwhile the trainers nervously darted to the bookies, sweat dribbling from their brows, to lay bets on a first-round knock out.

What was wrong with *The Choir*? It was boring, that's what. Here was an establishing episode which took 75 minutes to tell us nothing interesting save that the Dean of Aldminster Cathedral (James Fox) had pseudo-rebellious children who dressed from the "street credibility" department at C & A. A small scuffle broke out between the dean and the headmaster of the cathedral school (David Warner), and an insanely accelerated love affair burgeoned between the choirmaster (Nicholas Farrell, working creditably hard to seem like a real person) and the winsome mother of a choirboy (Cathryn Harrison). But they were as hollow and cold as churches, these people: who could care about them? Even the Deity in His infinite patience must have peeked at ITV, to check on the feisty girls.

It is all beautifully shot, with lingering close-ups of stone vaulting, but the performances from James Fox and David Warner were inert and passionless: as for the music, amazingly there was nothing to compare with the *Nunc Dimittis* of *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, and the great organ theme for the series instead makes more obvious reference to Ultravox's 1980s hit *Vienna*, which is odd. The dialogue was of the over-explanatory "May I speak to the headmaster, Mr Miller?" variety, which made it hard to keep one's spirits up. "You're wildly attractive," said the choirmaster to Mrs Ashworth: "So are you," she simpered. Dear God, we beseech you.

Everywhere this weekend there were boy wonders. Young Ashworth the exceptional choirboy was not alone. The two-hour *MGM: When the Lion Roars* traced the influence of wunderkind Irving Thalberg, who died of genius at 37, and last night's **South Bank Show** (ITV) was an interview with novelist Martin Amis, a former boy wonder now in his early forties who, having failed to die of genius while still eligible, has transformed himself into a walking, smoking intimation of mortality, the skull beneath the skin, without the slightest idea how ridiculous this looks. Evidently no one has ever had a mid-life crisis before, so Amis considerately reports back on the tiredness that overwhelms you after 40 years on the planet. "No nap or cuppa is going to perk you up any more," he confides, humorously. It sounds terrible.

Passages from Amis's new novel *The Information* were read against a dramatisation in which a man woke up on his fortieth birthday resembling an extra from *Night of the Living Dead*. Something very odd was going on here. If Amis really thinks it's all up, why did he famously purchase a new set of gnashers recently? Isn't it bad manners, in any case, to talk about your great age when your interlocutor is older than you? Luckily Bragg was enthralled by Amis (who is a good-value interview, just as he is a good-value writer). He took no visible offence.

As for Amis's controversial swag haul, A.S. Byatt's much-publicised objections were swatted aside. She had accused Amis of "male turkey-cocking" and of greed. Rather unpleasant to watch, the way the boys rallied in opposition (like one of those intellectual lynch-mobs on Radio 4's *Start the Week*), but Byatt's hen-house allusion was borne out beautifully by the ensuing conversation, in which the universal "writer" was conceived entirely in male terms, as though no woman ever put pen to paper.

Back in heaven, God found ITV on His remote control and pronounced it good. The only thing bothering Him currently was the presence of *Star Trek* actor Patrick Stewart on an adjacent cloud, introducing an imported epic tribute to MGM as though it was nothing out of the ordinary to swing on a star, carry moonbeams home in a jar, and so on. The set designer for **MGM: When the Lion Roars** (Saturday, BBC 2) had evidently fallen asleep during an old Méliès animation (train carriages floating past the man in the moon) and never fully woken up again; so the bald-pate Stewart was revealed in silk cravat and midnight blue dressing gown, on a stairway to heaven, with a white leather sofa, a bottle of champagne, and a huge dollop of mashed-potato cloud on the side.

"Over that rainbow was a land of dreams," said Stewart in his best RSC diction, without irony. "There in the darkness a lion's roar would freeze time, suspend reality, and introduce a world of adventure, beauty and romance." What are we talking about here? "We are talking about the Grandest Motion Picture Studio The World Has Ever Known," he boomed, unnaturally. But although its presentation took tacky into frightening new dimensions, *MGM: When the Lion Roars* told the story well and thoroughly, reaching only the mid-1930s before breaking for a week's well-earned rest. The only thing missing was a woman in the living room selling peanuts, popcorn and tubs of vanilla.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (36730)

7.00 Breakfast News (95968662)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5019933)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7404914) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8411117)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick Weekday magazine (s) (7756681)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1262372) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (7038285) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (15661391)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (15198) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax)(77315865)

1.50 Going for Gold. (s) (77319681) **2.15 Knots Landing** (s) (1104117) **3.00 Today's Gourmet**. Jacques Pepin prepares a vegetable feast (5989)

3.30 Cartoons (2786407) **3.45 Bodger and Badger** (s) (2774662) **4.00 Jackanory**. Bill Paterson reads *The Dreamfighter*, by Ted Hughes (s) (4080933) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant**. (Ceefax) (s) (6036391) **4.35 Tomorrow's End** (r). (Ceefax) (1307575)

5.00 Newsround (2002759) **5.05 Blue Peter**. Includes visits to the British astronomical telescopes at La Palma in the Canary Islands and the Museum of the Chemical Industry. (Ceefax) (s) (6808407)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (428594). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News *(Ceefax) and weather (223).*

6.30 Regional news magazines (575). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz presented by Mike Smith. With Caroline Langrishe, Stephen Tompkinson, Elizabeth Kelly and Mark Hurst (Ceefax) (s) (5440)

7.30 Watchdog (Ceefax) (s) (759)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (1488)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst as a time-travelling Londoner, flitting from the present back to the Second World War years. (Ceefax) (s) (3223)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News *(Ceefax), regional news and* weather (6391)

9.30 Panorama: Pulp Future. Does the shape of things to come consist of a future of violence and chaos? (Ceefax) (924488)

Nigel Hawthorne as King George (10.25pm)

10.25 Film 95 with Barry Norman Among the films reviewed are *The Madness of King George, Nobody's Fool* and *Drop Zone*. (Ceefax) (s) (380117) **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.50 Film 95 11.20-12.50am *Film: Creatures the World Forgot*. **Wales:** A Parent's Guide (626556) 10.40 Film. Invasion of the Body Snatchers (53889594) 12.35am-1.05am Film 95 (4276421)

10.55 FILM: *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978) starring Donald Sutherland and Brooke Adams. Science-fiction thriller about a plot to replace humans with alien look-alikes. Directed by Philip Kaufman. (Ceefax) (s) (84706466) **12.45am Weather** (1475537)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Oceanography (7978310) **6.45** Reinventing the City (2303594) **7.35** Reflections on a Global Screen (5624865)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6398575) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter** (s) (4886198)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Lernexpress (5150440) **9.15** Teaching Today (597952) **9.45** Numbers Plus (5235001) **10.00** Playdays (8422223) **10.25** Cats' Eyes (1569407) **10.40** Look and Read (4777643) **11.00** Zig Zag (6574469) **11.20** English Time (6111759) **11.40** Mad About Music (4735407) **12.00** The Great New Visionary Quest (58778) **12.30** Working Lunch (74204) **1.00** The IT Collection (57627001) **1.25** Landmarks (87321643) **1.45** Words and Pictures (25994391) **2.00** Tales of Aesop (65543391) **2.05** Rupert (67746759)

2.15 FILM: The Room Upstairs (1987) starring Stockard Channing and Sam Waterson. The romantic tale of a lonely landlady whose life is changed by the arrival of a musical lodger. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (417372) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8686001)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (488) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (372) **5.00 Esther** (s) (3846) **5.30 Catchword** (s) (952)

6.00 FILM: Battle of the River Plate (1957) starring John Gregson, Anthony Quayle and Peter Finch. Second World War drama about the pursuit by the British navy of the German pocket battleship "Graf Spee". (2204)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Icon Earth.** (Ceefax) (s) (757136)

8.50 Russian Wonderland. A documentary portrait of a young Russian soldier. (Ceefax) (879285)

9.00 Bottom *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (4933)*

9.30 Game On. Comedy series about three young people sharing a flat. (Ceefax (s) (54440)

10.00 CHOICE **Ruling Passions — Sex, Race and Empire** (Ceefax) (59407)

10.30 Newsnight. *(Ceefax) (564440)*

Lauren Bacall discusses her life (11.15pm)

11.15 Face to Face. Jeremy Isaacs interviews Lauren Bacall (s) (440556)

11.55 Weather (899198)

12.00 Images of the Cosmos: Good Seeing. *(Ceefax)* (4188421) **12.25am Creativity and Conceptual Design** (2719686)

1.25 The Record The day in Parliament (s) (4337976). Ends at **1.55**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Teaching Today (34421)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (65112)

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CHOICE

Richard Whiteley and Christa Ackroyd (C4, 9.00pm)

Whose News?: Deadline
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In what is claimed to be a first, the cameras go behind the scenes in a television newsroom to reveal how stories are pursued, developed and sometimes fall flat on their faces. The programme under scrutiny is *Calendar*, a regional news magazine put out by Yorkshire Television and anchored by the genial host *of Countdown*, Richard Whiteley. *Reporters have to be* prepared for anything, from the launch of a new cheese to a hunt for a missing teenager. Whiteley's big job for the day is to interview Lynne Perrie, the boisterous former star of *Coronation Street*, who is plugging her autobiography. The engaging self-*mockery of the news gatherers and the happy chaos of* their workplace augurs well for a lively series.

Horizon: Icon Earth
BBC2, 8.00pm

An ambitious contribution to the BBC Science Week looks at developments in science and technology since the 1950s and shows how they have altered our perception of planet Earth. David Malone's film is ambitious because it deals with ideas, a tricky undertaking for a visual medium. The thesis is that we have moved from technological optimism, when scientists believed they could offer certainties, to systems that are chaotic and unpredictable. Once we thought we could control nature, now nature is threatening to control us. The programme takes its examples from the space programme, the computer revolution, the Green movement and the global economy. The outlook is definitely unsettled.

Ruling Passions: Sex, Race and Empire
BBC2, 10.00pm

The moral integrity of the men who ruled the British Empire was seen as vital to the maintenance of imperial power. Trained by the public schools to take up the white man's burden, they were expected to distance themselves from the natives and avoid all temptation. But, as those who have followed this series thus far will have guessed, there was often a gap between the ideal and the reality. An old Africa hand recalls his affair with a girl who brought him eggs. An army man describes a romance in India, which ended when he discovered that she had Indian blood. The British Colonial Secretary became so worried about such liaisons that in 1910 he issued a stern memo about "gravely improper conduct".

She's Out
ITV, 9.00pm

At the end of tonight's episode the Lynda La Plante drama will have reached half way and even her most attentive fans might be wondering whether it has come a lot further forward. Dolly is still trying to set up her children's home with the proceeds of the diamond robbery. Her former prison mates are still trying to double-cross her, while squabbling among themselves and getting roughly treated by their men. The conclusion must be that La Plante, at least in this series, has put more into her characters than her narrative. *She's Out* can be enjoyed for the performances, not least Mitchell's imperious Dolly, but it hardly has you on the edge of your seat. There is still time for the pace to quicken. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (7477469)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game with Ted Robbins (s) (3805001) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8409372)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place with John Stapleton (s) (7534952)

10.35 This Morning (26191223) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1268556)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2747339)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2715730) **1.25 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (57639846)

1.55 Capital Woman. Claire Beekon, a former anorexia nervosa sufferer, talks about the helpline she runs (s) (35509339) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (74369020) **2.50 Blue Heelers**. Rural Australia police drama series (s) (7887594)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6616933) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6615204)

3.30 Rainbow (s) (2780223) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (8684643) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (s) (4994989) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r) (s) (6020730) **4.40 Terror Towers**. (Teletext) (s) (9661117)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale. (Teletext) (6892846). Followed by **The Missing File**

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (776778)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (699136)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (391)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (643)

Guest spot for Tom Jones (7.00pm)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show *presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes.* The guests include Paul Zenon, the cast of the musical *Hot Shoe Shuffle* and Tom Jones (s) (9376)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (827)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Richie (6556)

8.30 World in Action (Teletext) *(s)* (8391)

9.00 CHOICE **She's Out**. (Teletext) (s) (7533)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (46933)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (252223)

10.40 Sport in Question presented by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves in Newcastle. The guests include Jack Charlton, Steve Cram and Sir John Hall, chairman of Newcastle United (s) (247136)

11.40 The Equalizer starring Edward Woodward (186556)

12.45am Endsleigh League Extra (4486792)

1.30 Sport AM. Includes golf from Portugal (3717808)

2.25 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (7275711)

2.55 FILM: Panhandle Calibre 38 (1974) starring Keenan Wynn. Western drama directed by Rony Secchi (3922773)

4.20 Profile of the group Roachford (s) (61813686)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (76326044)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (7428599)

5.30 ITN Morning News (92266). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (r) (2735310)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (38049)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (56310)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (5103372) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5126223) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6776407)**10.20** Place and People (1546556) **10.40** The English Programme (1784597) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6567310)**11.15** The Music Show (6118662) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4740339)**11.45** Junior Technology (4738594) (322488)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (43846)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the actor Blair Underwood (70399) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tooties** and **The Wombles** (r) (35582662)

1.55 Profiles Of Nature: The Herring Gull. The lifestyle of herring gulls from the Lake Ontario area (r) (35590681)

2.25 Travels à la Carte. In the last of the series Sophie Grigson and William Black sample Spanish fare (r). (Teletext) (s) (5340001)

3.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show (s) (4980827)

3.55 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r) (5353759)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (440)

5.00 The Golden Girls: Rites Of Spring. The girls reminisce about dieting (r). (Teletext) (8914)

5.30 Nurses. Comedy series set in a Miami hospital (r). (Teletext) (s) (420)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r). (Teletext) (933)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. College comedy. (Teletext) (s) (285)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (250407)

7.55 Whose News?: Bremner Bulletins. The first of five consecutive satirical bulletins by the impressionist in the guise of someone in the news (s) (589865)

The corncrake: under threat (8.00pm)

8.00 Last Call for the Corncrake. Changes in haymaking practices are a grave threat to the corncrake in Ireland. (Teletext) (4198)

8.30 Only When I Laugh (r) (Teletext) (6933)

9.00 CHOICE **Whose News?: Deadline**. (Teletext) (s) (8865)

10.00 NYPD Blue (Teletext) (s) (528488)

10.55 FILM: Proof (1990) starring Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picot and Russell Crowe. A romantic drama about the relationship between a blind photographer, his housekeeper and the young man *who describes the photographs the blind man* takes. Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse. (Teletext) (44957681)

12.35am Whose News?: Manufacturing Consent — Noam Chomsky and the Media. The first of a two-part documentary in which the critic of the media bemoans their power and ability to distort public perception (r) (2395570)

1.50 FILM: The Cat and the Fiddle (1934, b/w) starring Ramon Navarro and Jeanette MacDonald. (735082). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (1268556) **1.55** A Country Practice (77303020) **2.20** Houseparty (74351001) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7887594) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6892846) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (670952) **10.30** Anglia News (252223) **10.40-11.10** The Magic and Mystery Show (457074) **12.10am** Coach (9961112) **12.35** Endsleigh League Extra (4462112) **1.20** Secret Places (777808) **3.05** Sport AM (3931599) **4.00** The Time... the Place (36660) **4.30** Yan Can Cook (77082) **5.00-5.30** Wanted Dead or Alive (33150)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (1268556) **1.55** A Country Practice (77303020) **2.20** Look and Cook (74351001) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7887594) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6892846) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (670952) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (252223) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (186556) **12.45am-1.30** *Endsleigh League Football Extra* (4486792) **4.20** Jobfinder (9837570) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7992228)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2715730) **1.25** Home and Away (87349049) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (6724759) **2.45-3.20** *De Medici Kitchen* (2843372) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6892846) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (670952) **10.40-11.10** The Motor Show (457074) **12.10am** Coach (8613063) **12.45** Endsleigh League Extra (4486792) **1.30** Sport AM (3717808) **2.25** Quiz Night (7275711) **2.55** Panhandle Calibre 38 (3922773) **4.20** Jobfinder (3708976) **4.55-5.30** *The Time... the Place* (7428599)

HTV WEST

[illegible] **London except: 1.55** Gardening Calen[illegible] (35509339) **2.25-3.20** Highway to Heaven (5773285) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook *(6892846)* **6.30-7.00** HTV News (643) **11.40** Spotlight (213594) **12.10am-12.45** The Powers That Be (8613063) **4.20-4.55** Jobfinder (3708976)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Baby Talk (35509339) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (643) **11.40-12.10pm** Jazz! Jazz! Jazz! *(213594)*

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77303020) **2.20-3.20** Murder She Wrote (4064827) **5.10** Home and Away (6892846) **5.37** The Listings (679372) **5.40** ITN News *(480469)* **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (391) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (643) **10.40-11.10** The Trek (457074) **12.10am** Coach (9961112) **12.35** Endsleigh League Extra (4462112) **1.20** Secret Places (777808) **3.05** Sport AM *(3331599)* ***4.00*** *The Time the Place* (36860) **4.30** Yan Can Cook (77082) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (33150)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News (8409372) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News / Bilsdale Network North (1277204) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (1276575) **1.55** A Country Practice (77303020) **2.20** Wish You Were Here ? (74351001) **2.50** Help Yourself (9102136) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7793575) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6892846) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (956117) **6.30-7.00** Taken on Trust (643) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (252223) **10.40** Stranger than Fiction (457074) **11.10-12.05pm** Prisoner Cell Block H (196198) **1.05am** Deadly Game (7557334) **2.35** The New Music (8296353) **3.35** The Chart Show (8893112) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (73112)

WESTCOUNTRY

***As London except:* 1.55** Gardeners' Diary (35509339) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (74360372) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6892846) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86049) **11.40-12.45pm** Crime Story (186556) **4.20am-4.55** Jobfinder (3708976)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 **A Country Practice (77303020)** 2.20 **Wish You Were Here...? (74351001)** 2.50 **Help Yourself (9102136)** 2.55-3.20 **Shortland Street (7793575)** 5.10-5.40 **Home and Away (6892846)** 5.55 **Calendar (958117)** 6.30-7.00 **Enterprize 95 (643)** 10.40 **A Brush With Ashley (457074)** 11.10-12.05pm **Prisoner Cell Block H (196198)** *1.05am* **Deadly Game (7557334)** 2.35 **The New Music (8296353)** 3.35 **The Chart Show (8893112)** 4.30-5.30 **Jobfinder (73112)**

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38049) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (56310) **9.30** Ysgolion (322488) **12.00** Right To Reply (43846) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (69372) **1.00** The Magic Roundabout (31136) **1.30** Alien Nations (68643) **2.00** The Virgin Queen (457001) **3.40** Machinations (2768001) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders: Italy (5353759) **4.30** Board Stupid (440) **5.00** 5 Pump (7898136) **5.15** 5 Pump (6689488) **5.30** Countdown *(420)* **6.00** Newyddion (300730) **6.15** Heno (300681) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8778) **7.30** Sgorio (53488) **8.30** Newyddion (6933) **9.00** Taro Naw (9001) **9.30** Roseanne (89136) **10.00** NYPD Blue (528488) **10.55** Proof (44957681) **12.35am** J'Accuse: The Vegetarians *(4269131)*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (25399) **6.30** Dennis (32391) **7.00** Inspector Gadget (52643) **7.30** My Pet Monster (71778) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (77827) **8.30** Blockbusters (76198) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (17117) **10.00** Concentration (23643) **10.30** Card Sharks (89662) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (57198) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (70914) **12.30pm** Anything *But Love (96440)* ***1.00*** *St Elsewhere (24223)* **2.00** The Freemantle Conspiracy (24372) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (921223) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4839391) **3.55** My Pet Monster (9496681) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2488) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (5469) **6.00** Murphy Brown (6681) **6.30** Family Ties (7933) **7.00** Rescue (6198) **7.30** *M*A*S*H* (3117) **8.00** Miracles and Other Wonders (38440) **9.00** Civil Wars (55204) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (51391) **11.00** David Letterman (729440) **11.50** Littlejohn (435753) **12.40am** Chances (3197112) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (24063) **2.00** Hit Mix (2419268)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (1242827) **9.30** Trial of O J Simpson (5701310) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (9314399) **11.00** News and Business (48440) **1.30pm** CBS News (60339) **2.30** Parliament Live (97865) **4.00** News and Business (27846) **5.00** Live at Five (8158117) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (19148138) **7.30** O J Simpson Trial (2753643) **11.30** CBS News (21594) **12.30am** ABC News (60353) **2.30** Parliament Live (67841) **4.30** CBS News (39792) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (25518)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1182827) **10.00 City Boy** (1992) (91676) **12.00 Cold Turkey** (1971) (38575) **2.00pm Lucky Lady** (1975) (42643) **4.00 The Portrait** (1992) (3001) **6.00 City Boy** (1992) As 10am (62407) **8.00 Jane's House** (1993) (67952) **10.00 Boiling Point** (1993) (674575) **11.35 Glengarry Glen Ross** (1992) (197223) **1.15am Kadaicha — The Death Stone** (1988) (135570) **2.45 Death Ring** (1991) (158421) **4.15-6.00 Cold Turkey** (1971) As noon (464808)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Girl Most Likely (1957) (37759) **8.00 The Island of Dr Moreau** (1977) (32204) **10.00-12.00 Raging Bull** (1980) (73449)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Cobra Woman (1944) (1383914) **7.15 The Gun Runners** (1958) (1577001) **8.40 Goldilocks and the Three Bears.** Animation (8806117) **9.35 Tom Sawyer** (1986) Cartoon (2560730) **10.30 My Man Godfrey** (1936) (74501198) **12.05pm Mutiny on the Buses** (1973) (456010) **2.00 Little Heroes** (1991) (40285) **4.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears**: As 8.40am (7733579) **4.55 Tom Sawyer** (1986): As 9.35am (5712223) **5.50 Breathing Lessons** (1993) (27176001) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (6827) **8.00 Precious Victims** *(1993) (65594)* **10.00 Unlawful Entry** (1992) (251575) **11.55 Deliver Them from Evil: The Taking of Alta View** (1993) (176865) **1.30am Amityville: A New Generation** (1992) (498781) **3.05-5.05 Cinderella Liberty** (1973) (16581599)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (10989) **7.30** Basketball (83399) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (43933) **10.00** The Big League (30469) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (38335) **12.30pm** Super Sunday (73827) **2.00** Snooker: Kloster Open (488778) **5.00** WWF Mania (9827) **6.00** Soccer News (497865) **6.15** Fish Tales (485020) **6.30** Stunt Team Championship (1391) **7.00** Ford Escort Monday Night Football, Live Norwich v Ipswich (1560448) **11.00** Soccer News (472943) **11.15** Fish Tales (127876) **11.30** Stunt Team Championship (65643) **12.00-2.00am** Ford Escort Monday Night Football (91112)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (24865) **9.30** Speed Skating (21952) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (28310) **12.00** Indycar (51952) **1.00pm** Football (37372) **2.00** Nordic Skiing (58662) **3.30** Speed Skating (18488) **4.30** Wrestling (88730) **5.30** Indycar (55198) **6.30** News (3759) **7.00** Speedworld (10961) **9.00** Football (80339) **10.30** Boxing (85594) **11.30** Eurogolf (69778) **12.30-1.00am** News (38518)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4094469) **8.30** Peyton Place (4086440) **9.00** As the World Turns (4209198) **10.00** Guiding Light (9596285) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9516049)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Bavarian Forest (4097556) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1213310) **1.00** The Great Escape (9510865) **1.30** Cook Italian (1212681) **2.00** California's Gold (7876204) **2.30** Bavarian Forest (4649310) **3.00** Hymns of Nature (4520575) **4.00** Travel Guide (4630662) **4.30** Zoo Life (4636846) **5.00** Trailside (7867556)

Alan Arkin as a real estate salesman (Sky Movies, 11.35pm)

5.30 Cook Italian (4627198) **6.00** Globetrotter (4657339) **6.30** Discover Your World (4631391) **7.00** American Vacation (5519778) **8.00** Around the World (7856440) **8.30** *Travel Guide* (7875575) **9.00** Globetrotter (4538594) **9.30** Discover Your World (1200846) **10.00** American Vacation (5518049) **11.00** Trailside (4540339) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (4165846)

TLC

9.00 Painting (2877372) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5095488) **10.00** Being There (2816846) **10.30** Only Human (3459914) **11.15** Draw (95213339) **11.30** Looking for Love (7965371) **12.00** Decisions (2897136) **12.30pm** Adopting Olya (5099204) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (8477310) **1.30** Painting (5098575) **2.00** Jimmy's (2979865) **2.30** Park High (1925643) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (2958372) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (1937488)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8454469) **7.30** Neighbours (8456204) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2896407) **8.30** EastEnders (2895778) **9.00** The Bill (2879730) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (5898914) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1188407) **11.30** Terry and June (1660989) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2899594) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5091662) **1.00** EastEnders (8446440) **1.30** The Bill (5090933) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (2971223) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (1927001) **3.00** Knots Landing (7060925) **4.00** Dallas (8515010) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9868594) **5.35** Dick Emery (6986074) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4755223) **6.30** EastEnders (1942310) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9648440) **8.00** Rings on Their Fingers (2968759) **8.30** My Wife Next Door (3970594) **9.00** Secret Army (9677952) **10.00** The Bill (2890223) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7598778) **11.10** Alas Smith and Jones (5588136) **11.50** Dr Who (6991285) ***12.20am*** *FILM: Weekend of Shadows* (1978): A farmhand is suspected of killing a farmer's wife (5188686) **1.55** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (6931643) **6.55** Garfield (7408117) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6496778) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (9087830) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4348204) **8.45** Casper (1554407) **9.00** Sesame Street (80001) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (90865) **12.00** Garfield (65681) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (81117) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (20643) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83435933) **1.45** Baby Follies (83430488) **2.00** Barney (1440) **2.30** Babar (1310) **3.00** Casper (1677952) **3.15** Bill and Ted (578952) **3.45** Sonic (577223) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1273575) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8846)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelive! (4558285) **7.15** Pee-Wee (670759) ***7.45*** *Rugrats* (662730) **8.15** Doug (784662) **8.45** Nickelive! (8284952) **9.00** Nick Jr (450020) **12.00** Pee-Wee (38317) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (45391) **1.00** Smoggies (95372) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (44662) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (4010) **2.30** Galaxy High School (7952) **3.00** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (6117) **3.30** Turtles Gold (8469) **4.00** Doug (8204) **4.30** Rugrats (4488) **5.00** Clarissa (1662) **5.30** The Secret World of Alex Mac (8440) **6.00** Grimmy (8681) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8933)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (1948223) **4.30** Earthfile (1945407) **5.00** Search for Adventure (91018575) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4350488) **7.00** Next Step (2973681) **7.30** Future Quest (1946136) **8.00** Christmas Star (9655730) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9675594) **10.00** The Blue Revolution (9678681) **11.00** Special Forces (9965551) **11.30-12.00** Those Who Dare (2805730)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Man Who Wouldn't Talk (1958) (2823136) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2804001) **3.00** The Rat Patrol (2952198) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1924914) **4.00** FILM: Treasure Island (1972): Robert Louis Stephenson's classic yarn. Stars Orson Welles (2958914) **6.00** Garry Shandling (1920198) ***6.30*** *Cannon (1124223)* ***7.30*** *The Invisible* Man (1933662) **8.00** The Avengers (9659556) **9.00** The New Avengers (9662020) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Awakening (1980) (5514374)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6855204) **7.00** Living Magazine (8363662) **8.00** Go for it (3283943) **8.30** Rendezvous (4633484) **9.00** On the House (4689596) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7130730) **10.05** Now You See It (1986465) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (8033240) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7874117) **12.00** Masterchef 1992 (6237407) **12.35am** Rendezvous (48014285) **1.05** Kilroy (8067730) **2.00** Agony Hour (1754778) **3.00** Living Magazine (7443440) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65943285) **4.00** Infatuation (9077759) **4.30** Crosswits (9068643) **5.00** Take Six Cooks (3299556) **5.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7806136) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8139310) **6.30** Brookside (9078488) **7.00** Living Magazine (9510662) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9529310) **9.00** FILM. Double Standards (1988): A married judge fathers an illegitimate child. With Robert Foxworth (98947865) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (3095830) **11.00** Brookside (1382440) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1742933)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (5020) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (9198) **6.00** Boogies Diner (751440) **6.25** All Clued Up (374391) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2556) **7.30** My Two Dads (9575) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (34662) **9.00** Moonlighting (21198) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (66310) **10.30** GP (42730) **11.00** Lou Grant (30020) **12.00** Rhoda (82841) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (54570) **1.00** Dangermouse (85624) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (95589) **2.00** Moonlighting (39226) **3.00** Lou Grant (76773) **4.00** Rhoda (85131) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (73889)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (48537) **6.30** The Grind (57448) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (39914) **8.00** VJ Ingo (384759) **11.00** Soul (28285) **12.00** Greatest Hits (95310) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (685466) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (4879371) **3.45** Cinematic (9829876) **4.00** News (1285310) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1275933) **4.30** Dial MTV (8264) **5.00** Hit List UK (55204) **7.00** Greatest Hits (4914) **7.30** Plugged (91575) **8.00** The Real World 3 (83440) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (74169) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (347662) **10.15** Cinematic (342117) **10.30** News (846099) **10.45** 3 from 1 (525074) **11.00** *The End?* (93759) **1.00am** Soul (50957) **2.00** The Grind (30727) **2.30** Night Videos *(9216228)*

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

EU finance ministers meet today over currency turmoil

By Colin Narbrough

EUROPEAN Union finance ministers meet in Brussels today to seek urgent ways of restoring stability to the foreign exchange market as the dollar heads for new lows likely to fuel wider currency turmoil.

The dollar-driven mayhem, which shows no sign of abating, contributed to a slump in the pound, whose trade-weighted index fell to 84.4 at the close on Friday, almost at its all-time low of 84.

Fears that sterling's decline against other European currencies will make it necessary to up UK base rates again could grow if February's retail price data, out Thursday, show inflation picking up. City forecasts, however, point to a dip in core inflation to an annual 2.6 per cent, from 2.8 per cent in January. Jacques Santer, European Commission President, yesterday blamed America's benign neglect of the dollar for the currency turbulence and urged the Group of Seven to become more involved in stabilisation again.

Today's meeting will be the first opportunity for the finance ministers to discuss currency issues collectively since the Spanish peseta and Portuguese escudo were forced to devalue two weeks ago. Their discussions, likely to market-sensitive, will not be minuted. The flight of capital to safe-haven currencies, primarily the yen, the mark and the Swiss franc, produced a sell-off of the peseta and escudo on Friday, raising the prospect of them being devalued again only two weeks after the last cut.

The Irish punt and the French and Belgian francs were under pressure too within the European exchange-rate system (ERM). The pound and the Italian lira were no less vulnerable for being outside the ERM. Sterling hit a record low against the mark of DM2.1890 and shed a cent against the dollar. The lira fell to new lows.

In spite of the slump in the pound, City analysts believe the Government is unlikely to raise base rates immediately, but is likely to have to raise them again next quarter. Avinash Persaud, currency analyst at JP Morgan, said the authorities' attitude was, rightly, that sterling was caught in the cross winds whipped up by the weak dollar. "To raise interest rate now would be wrong.

"The concern is longer term. The authorities will not wish to clamp down hard. But the danger is that, if they do not react at all, the pound will look vulnerable," he said.

Neil MacKinnon, currency economist at Citicorp, said that after failing to prop up the pound with interest rates when sterling was forced to leave the ERM in 1993, the authorities had to avoid siren voices calling for monetary tightening now, as higher rates would damage the economy and reduce demand for sterling.

Analysts expect the dollar to decline to DM1.30 or below this week, well below its record low of DM1.3450 and its Friday finish of just below DM1.3860. Against the yen, it ended at 89.10 yen, after coming within a whisker of its postwar low of 88.75.

The Pru sues PowerGen in fuel row

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

THE Prudential, Britain's largest life assurer, is suing PowerGen over the burning of a controversial fuel at its Richborough power station in Kent, which it claims is damaging crops on one of its farms nearby.

The insurance company, which owns the 800-acre farm as part of its investment portfolio, and its tenant farmer are alleging that emissions from the 360mw orimulsion-fired station are causing a "peculiar form of damage" to crops.

The blow to PowerGen comes as Ed Wallis, its chief executive, prepares to face MPs tomorrow to defend his pay. Mr Wallis is due to appear before the Commons Employment Select Committee, which is investigating executive pay.

Last night, BBC2's *The Money Programme* once again drew attention to PowerGen's generous share option scheme, which allowed its executive directors to cash in a £3.4 million profit last year.

Orimulsion is a bitumen-based fuel from Venezuela that is being imported into Europe as a cheap alternative to coal. PowerGen, which is estimated to be importing 1.3 million tonnes of the fuel annually, is also burning it at the Ince station in Cheshire.

National Power is trying to win approval to switch its Pembroke station from oil to orimulsion. But the fuel has come under fire from environmentalists, who claim that it is dirty. This month, Dick van Steenis, a retired GP and a member of the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, raised controversy over the plan by claiming that childhood asthma cases could rise if orimulsion is burnt.

Dr van Steenis, whose claims have been dismissed by National Power, says that emissions of nitrous oxides, gases linked with breathing difficulties, would increase fivefold. Burning orimulsion can also raise levels of fine particles and emissions of the metals nickel and vanadium, critics say.

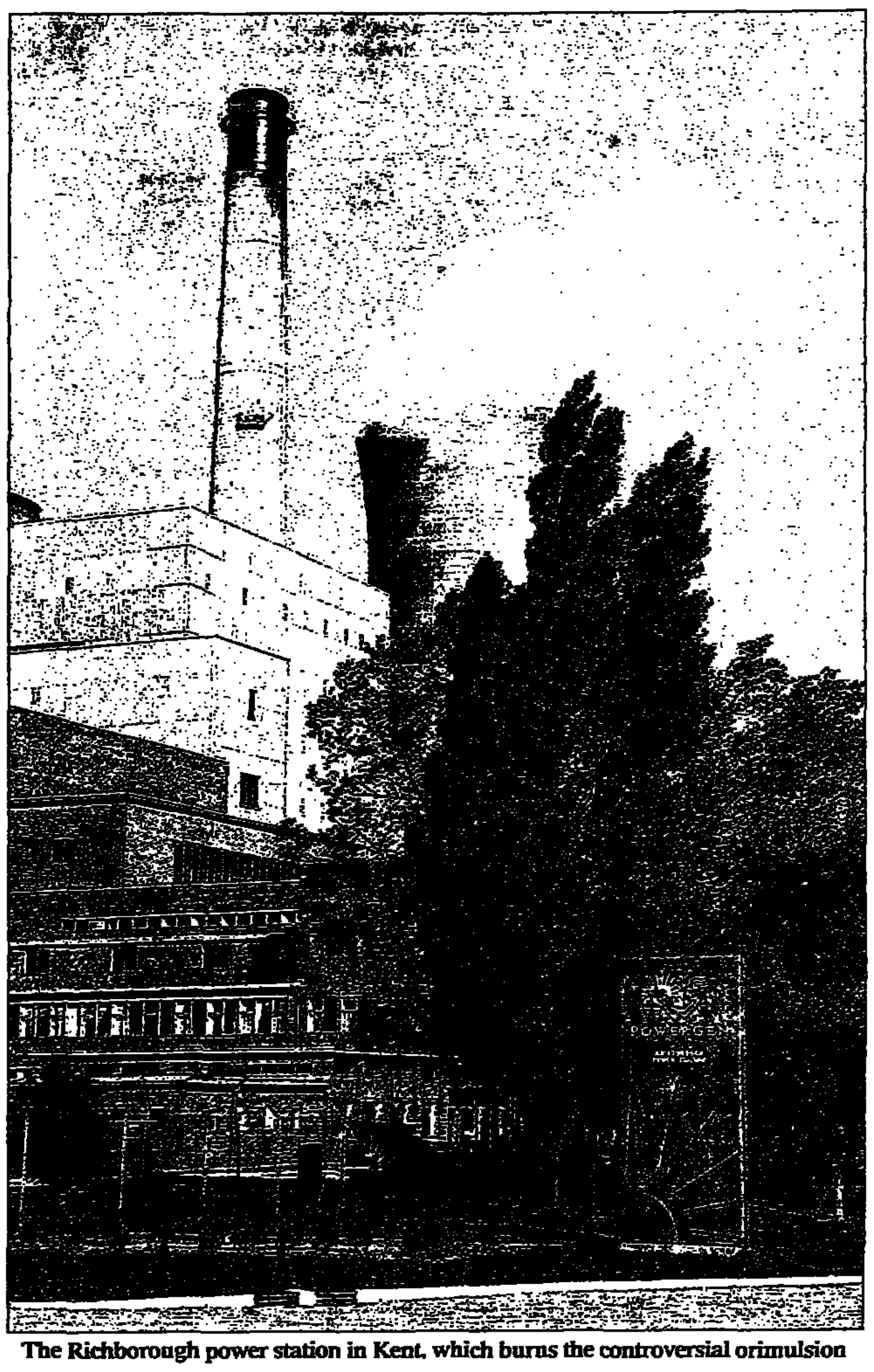
The High Court challenge, in which the Prudential and the farmer are seeking "substantial damages", could undermine National Power's plan and the fuel's long-term future. Prudential is also seeking an injunction to stop the generator burning the fuel.

The writ, served by Lovell White Durant, the solicitors, alleges that vegetables have suffered lesions to their leaves and a reduced resistance to disease since the station began burning orimulsion about five years ago. Heavy metals may be aggravating the impact of the particles, which have high sulphur levels, Prudential research suggests.

The Prudential claims that it has raised the problem with the generator since 1992, but that PowerGen has "offered no constructive proposals in response". Permission to burn orimulsion at Richborough and Ince was granted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution. But the company is required to upgrade emission control technololgy covering certain pollutants by 1998. A report by the London based *Environmental Data Services*, says that the generator has still not drafted plans outlining how this will be done.

PowerGen said yesterday that it would defend its burning of orimulsion.

Lord Northbourne, who farms near the Richborough power station, will today in the House of Lords bring in an amendment to the Environment Bill that seeks to prevent landlords being held responsible for pollution when the real polluter cannot be established. Section 54 of the Bill, as drafted, would give the Government powers to hold landlords responsible, even if they are not at fault.



The Richborough power station in Kent, which burns the controversial orimulsion

Post Office threatens union with cash crisis

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Post Office is telling leaders of its postal workers that it intends to withdraw union "check-off" arrangements under which union dues are deducted from employees' pay packets.

The move by the Post Office, chaired by Michael Heron, is the most significant financial threat to a union since British Rail withdrew check-off facilities from the RMT, forcing it into a financial crisis.

The Post Office's move is in addition to the legal attempts it is making to seek compensation from the Communication Workers' Union over a series of unofficial strikes, which CWU leaders privately acknowledge could land the union with a £1 million bill.

In the High Court last month, the postal union was fined £7,000, with £100,000 costs, over an unofficial strike in London. Other unofficial action has taken place in Liverpool, Cardiff, Milton Keynes and Bristol.

Union officials believe that the tougher attitude by Post Office managers may be in line with their wish to demonstrate to the Government their commercial hard-headedness in the wake of the failure of the Government's attempt to privatise the Post Office.

The Royal Mail has written to the CWU, triggering an agreement to end the check-off. Although about 30 per cent of CWU members working for BT pay union dues by direct debit, more than 90 per cent of the union's postal members — formerly the Union of Communication Workers — pay through check-off.

Under the terms of the new deal, which came into effect on January 1, if the level of unofficial action is judged to have led to a severe breakdown in industrial relations, the Post Office can give notice of withdrawal of the check-off. That is followed by a period of fact-finding, a 14-day cooling-off period and then a six months' withdrawal notice.

With the 14-day period now under way, CWU leaders acknowledge that the Post Office's move is now a serious threat to the union. While they hope that the Post Office will not give six months' notice, they accept that the Royal Mail is taking determined steps to convince its employees that it will no longer tolerate unofficial industrial action.

Alan Johnson, joint CWU general secretary, yesterday called on the Royal Mail not to proceed with the move, which he said was worrying for the union, and which potentially placed it in serious difficulties.

While the Post Office maintained that it had not formally proposed the ending of check-off, it said that the Royal Mail had made it clear to the union that its "co-operation with running the check-off system relies on the union adhering to the agreed procedures for industrial disputes".

There had been a number of "wildcat strikes", and the Royal Mail could not tolerate such disruption to its services when union members were taking "unlawful" industrial action.

☐ Leaders of the CWU will today announce that its members have overwhelmingly voted to maintain the union's political fund, under which it affiliates to the Labour Party.

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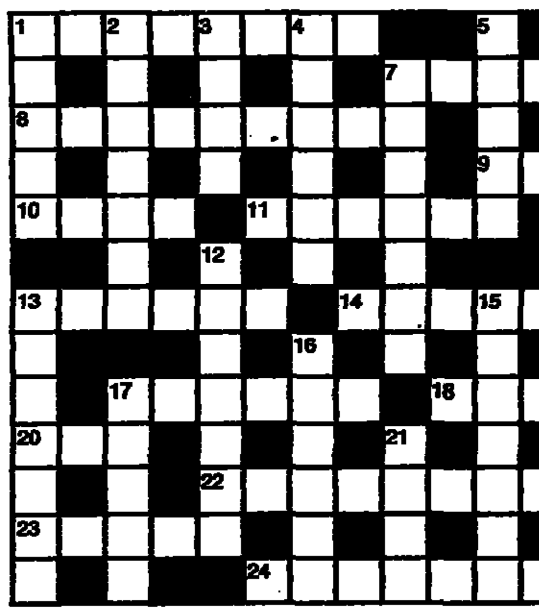

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1 An idle optimist (*David Copperfield*) (8)
7 Eat grass (5)
8 Sort of dive: folding-blade cutter (9)
9 Food in shell (3)
10 Called: part of ladder (4)
11 Fluid (6)
13 LP needle (6)
14 Without result (2,4)
17 Self-assurance (6)
18 Brief moment (4)
20 Container: tree (3)
22 Convert: face about (4,5)
23 Hard, dark, tropical wood (5)
24 Where literature is sold (8)

DOWN
1 Army officer: important (5)
2 East Ender (7)
3 Arouse: funeral party (4)
4 Magical preparation of alchemists (6)
5 Laid with stone (5)
6 Boxers' pre-fight check (5-2)
7 Real (7)
12 (High) standard: characteristic (7)
13 Slaver (7)
15 Horizontal component of bearing (7)
16 Little creature in 9 (6)
17 Established principle (5)
19 Sick and tired (3,2)
21 (Afrikaners') hard journey (4)

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Bank tops Jupiter team bid

THE directors of Jupiter Tyndall, the fund manager, have abandoned plans for a management buyout after receiving a knockout takeover offer from Commerzbank, the German bank, which will allow them to earn millions of pounds in performance-related bonuses (Neil Bennett writes).

Commerzbank emerged this weekend as the victor of a three-month auction for Jupiter. Its offer tops a proposed management buyout and will come with a generous performance-related bonus scheme.

The agreement has not been finalised, but the bank is expected to bid more than £160 million for the group, or 400p a share. ABN-Amro, the Dutch bank, and its German rival Dresdner, also bid. A spokesman for Jupiter yesterday refused to comment on the negotiations.

Rail chiefs tackle queues with ring-and-ride idea

By Ross Tieman and Jonathan Prynn

RAIL chiefs are planning a new privatised computer ticketing system that they hope will banish for ever the frustration of ticket office queues and constantly engaged train information lines.

By making just one telephone call, passengers would be able to find out details of fares and journey times to anywhere in the country and also book their seats. The service would be available 24 hours a day and would probably be charged at local-call telephone rates.

Roger Salmon, the rail franchise director, wants an integrated ticketing system to be developed as a priority by private-sector operators taking over rail services.

He believes that the current chaotic system, whereby people wanting to travel by rail have to ring a station in order to find out about services and then call a separate number to make a reservation is driving passengers off the railways.

Mr Salmon also hopes that the new system will allay the fears of Conservative MPs alarmed by reports of deep cuts in the number of stations selling "through tickets" for any destination on the network.

In the long term, Mr Salmon and the Government want to transform the public's attitudes towards train travel so that buying a ticket at a station, rather than by telephone, becomes the exception rather than the rule.

As well as details of train times and prices, the system will carry information on engineering work and delays, allowing travellers to avoid delays. The system will be neutral between different train operators, and offer unbiased advice about the best route to take.

The system, is still in its early stages of development, although it is believed that at least one American company has offered to set up the ticket sales system in exchange for a percentage of each ticket sold.

Discussions about setting up the system have been held with the British Rail Board and with the Association of Train Operating Companies.

The ticket system is expected to be run by the central "clearing house" being set up to allocate revenue for journeys, involving trains run by more than one operator.

The clearing house is to come into operation on May 28. In an effort to speed development of the system, Mr Salmon will make membership of the clearing house compulsory for any holder of a train operating franchise.

Headhunting heightens dirty tricks tension

BA woos Branson man aboard

By Martin Waller

Branson: growing problem

BRITISH AIRWAYS has hired a senior lieutenant of Richard Branson. Roger Flynn, who had worked for Virgin Group since 1988, is joining the world's favourite airline next month.

The two companies have been at virtual war since Virgin accused BA of dirty tricks against its airline operations. The matter is still the subject of a $1 billion damages claim by Virgin in the US, while a High Court damages claim in London is set to start in May.

Mr Flynn will be general manager of world sales and marketplace distribution, a title covering a range of marketing jobs, including the various offers BA makes to its customers.

Mr Flynn, an accountant, was commercial director of Virgin Communications and has worked in computer-based distribution, entertainment and publishing. Significantly, he had therefore never been employed by the airline. Industry sources say his departure is an example of a growing problem for Mr Branson, which is how to encourage senior management and persuade them to stay with his private company.

Mr Flynn can expect a significantly higher salary at BA and is also likely to be offered share options. Mr Branson is not known to be especially free with equity in the group he founded.

☐ Virgin has put in a bid for MGM's British cinemas, which are being sold by Crédit Lyonnais. The size of the offer is believed to be worth about £150 million. Other bidders are thought to include Carlton Communications, The Rank Organisation and Sony.

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